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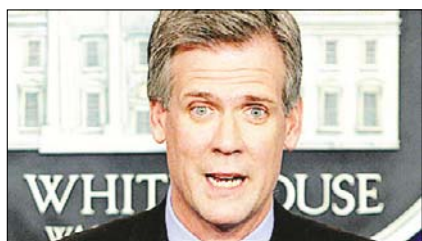
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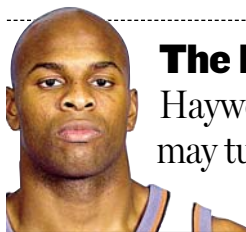
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EU Panel: CIA Flights Common

Report cites secret U.S. missions to transfer terror suspects

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | The CIA has conducted more than 1,000 clandestine flights in Europe since 2001, and some of them secretly took away terror suspects to countries where they could face torture, European Union lawmakers said Wednesday.

Legislators selected to look into allegations of questionable CIA activities in Europe said flight data showed a pattern of hidden operations by American agents, and they accused some European governments of

knowing about it but remaining silent.

Cases of terror suspects being secretly handed over to U.S. agents did not appear to be isolated, the lawmakers said in a preliminary report on their inquiry. European human rights treaties prohibit sending suspects to states known to torture prisoners.

"The committee deplores the fact that, as established during the committee's investigation, the CIA has used aircraft registered under fictitious company names or

with private companies to secretly transfer terror suspects to other countries including Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Afghanistan," according to a copy of the report obtained by The Associated Press.

The investigation began in January after news reports that U.S. agents had interrogated al Qaeda suspects at secret prisons in eastern Europe. But the focus shifted after people gave detailed accounts of being abducted by U.S. agents in Europe and whisked away to jails in the Middle East, Asia and North Africa. JAN SLIVA (AP)

Rumsfeld, Rice Make Symbolic Visit to Iraq



EMBRACED: Secretary Donald Rumsfeld greets Iraqi President Jalal Talabani before a meeting in Baghdad on Wednesday. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a surprise visit to Iraq in a show of support for the country's first democratic government. The top U.S. military commander in Iraq, meanwhile, said some U.S. troops may be able to leave in the months ahead. ♦ **New priorities:** Senate diverts war funds to U.S. borders | **Page 3**

AIR TRAVEL | On Stand-By Airbus is considering building standing-only sections on their planes, the New York Times reported. Passengers in the standing sections would lean against a padded backboard and use a harness to keep them-



selves in place. Company officials said high fuel costs have meant airlines are asking for ways to fit more passengers on the planes; standing sections could add millions in additional annual revenue. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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FIELD TRIPS

But Hey, Long Bus Rides are Fun, Too

Four busloads of students from a Reno, Nev., middle school made the four-hour trip to Six Flags Marine World in Vallejo, Calif., only to find the amusement park's gates locked Monday.

The school-sponsored trip was supposed to reward top students. "It was pretty much a fiasco," said school district spokesman Steve Mulvenon.

"They ended up wasting a day that those kids could have better spent in class or doing what they were going to do at the park." School officials said the \$50 fee will be refunded, and the tour company that arranged the trip has agreed to pay for the next one. (AP)

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These Sales Contests Are a Pain in the Butt

An ex-employee of a Fresno, Calif., alarms-systems company is suing the business because of spankings dished out by supervisors to the losers

of sales contests, the Fresno Bee reported. AlarmOne's managers held intra-office sales competitions, and those who lost had pies thrown at them, were fed

baby food, made to wear diapers and spanked with a competitor's sign while co-workers watched and jeered. Company officials said the activities were done for fun and to increase staff camaraderie and no harm was intended; Janet Orlando said the practices were so embarrassing she had to quit. (EXPRESS)



JUNIO KIMURA/GETTY IMAGES

ROBOTS

Step Machine

These bots were made for walking, and that's just what they did Wednesday at Waseda University in Tokyo. This prototype robot, developed by the university and called "WL-16RIII," is meant for carrying users and is capable of walking forward on flat ground and up and down stairs. The driver of the machine is able to change the direction and walking speed while riding. The robo-mobility gauntlet has been thrown down — your move, Segway. (EXPRESS)

ESCAPES

Another Slow-Speed Chase of a Bronco

A man wanted for assault in Leeds, England, escaped police pursuit on a

horse-drawn cart, the Guardian reported. After the suspect was spotted by police, he jumped on the cart and took off down a carriageway, weaving in and out of traffic. Police on bicycles were unable to maintain pursuit. Officers on motorcycles and in a patrol car, police van and police helicopter joined in the slow-speed chase, but the man got away after he jumped off and fled down an alley. (EXPRESS)

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BIRDS I, HUMANS, O: Simple grammar, long thought to be one of the skills that separate man from beast, can be taught to a common songbird, new research shows. The birds can learn to differentiate between a regular birdsong "sentence" and one containing a clause.

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Families of Sept. 11 Victims Push for Pa. Monument

Family members of those aboard United Flight 93 said Wednesday they were confident they would get federal funds to build a memorial where the plane crashed in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001, — despite opposition from a key lawmaker. Rep. Charles H. Taylor, R-N.C., chair of the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the Interior Department, has blocked funding to buy land for the memorial. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO

Court Overturns Marijuana Activist's Drug Conviction

A federal appeals court Wednesday overturned the pot-growing conviction of the self-proclaimed "Guru of Ganja," a marijuana advocate who has written books on how to grow pot and avoid getting caught. The court cited jury misconduct in overturning Ed Rosenthal's conviction, but it otherwise upheld federal powers to charge marijuana growers. Rosenthal was convicted in 2003 for cultivating hundreds of marijuana plants. (AP)

Blind Eye to Abramoff

→ Republican lawmakers say they can pass a weak lobbying bill because their constituents don't seem to care about the Abramoff scandal | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

Rove Back on Stand in Leak Probe

Top White House aide testifies before jury on lawyer's conversation

WASHINGTON | Top White House aide Karl Rove made his fifth grand jury appearance in the Valerie Plame affair Wednesday, undergoing several hours of questioning about a new issue that has come to light since the last time he testified.

Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald declined to comment at the conclusion of the grand jury session. Rove appeared at ease as he left the U.S. courthouse, joking to journalists to "move to the back" as the White House aide, his lawyers and several reporters entered an elevator to leave the building.

A week ago, Rove, the architect of Bush's election victories, gave up his policy duties at the White House. He is returning to a full-time focus



BACK IN BLACK: Karl Rove arrives at federal court in Washington on Wednesday, the fifth time he's testified before the federal grand jury for his role in the leak case.

on politics with Republicans facing major problems in the upcoming midterm elections.

Wednesday's session is believed to be only the second time Fitzgerald has met with a new grand jury exam-

ining questions left unanswered in the leaking of Plame's CIA identity. Fitzgerald was seen before the new panel was Dec. 7.

The previous grand jury looking into the CIA leak expired Oct. 28, the day it indicted Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff on five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI.

The only new issue in the CIA leak probe known to involve Rove is a contact his lawyer, Robert Luskin, had with Time magazine reporter Viveca Novak. The contact is important because during it, the Time reporter told Luskin that Rove might have disclosed Plame's CIA status in 2003 to another Time reporter, Matt Cooper.

The Luskin-Novak conversation occurred many months before Rove belatedly revealed to the prosecutor that he had spoken with Cooper.

PETE YOST (AP)

Court at Odds Over Lethal Injection

WASHINGTON | Supreme Court justices clashed on Wednesday over how states execute killers, with one court member saying current lethal-injection drugs would not be used on cats and dogs and a second arguing that executions do not have to be pain-free.

The court blocked Florida, at the last minute, from executing Clarence Hill in January, as Hill lay on a gurney with IV lines in his arms.

The justices took up his case with



Hill

a lively and sometimes contentious discussion about the way states carry out capital punishment. The court's ruling will determine whether inmates can file last-minute civil rights challenges claiming their deaths would be cruel and unusual punishment. (AP)

Lawmakers Shift Spending Plans

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted Wednesday to divert some of the money President Bush requested for the war in Iraq to instead increase security on the nation's borders and provide the Coast Guard with new boats and helicopters.

Senators also ignored a White House veto threat and overwhelmingly voted against cutting a \$106.5 billion measure funding Iraq, further

hurricane relief for the Gulf Coast — and a slew of add-ons opposed by fiscal conservatives and Bush.

On border security, the Senate voted 59-39 for a plan to cut Bush's Iraq request by \$1.9 billion to pay for new aircraft, patrol boats and other vehicles, as well as border checkpoints and a fence along the Mexico border crossing near San Diego.

An proposal by Democratic Leader Harry Reid to add the security funds but not tap the Pentagon failed by a 54-44 vote. (AP)



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The percentage of people a deadly global flu outbreak is likely to strike, if the U.S. government does nothing to prepare, a new computer model shows.

Senate Seeks Oil Records

Committee demands firms' tax records in 'comprehensive' probe

WASHINGTON | A Senate committee Wednesday announced an investigation into taxes paid by major oil companies and asked the Internal Revenue Service for the companies' tax returns.

The Senate Finance Committee promised "a comprehensive review of the federal taxes paid" by the oil companies on their record profits last year.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the committee's chairman, said the panel was concerned about high profits and executive compensa-

tion at oil companies.

"I want to make sure the oil companies aren't taking a speed pass by the tax man," said Grassley in a statement.

With gasoline prices soaring and oil companies announcing record profits, "it's relevant to know what the real financial picture is for this industry," Montana Sen. Max Baucus, the ranking Democrat on the committee, said.

It's highly unusual for the Senate committee to seek corporate tax records. The last time it was done was when the panel asked the IRS for the tax records of Enron Corp.

The committee announcement came as Congress showed increasing concern amid political fallout over

high gasoline prices and oil industry profits. Lawmakers began moving on various fronts to eliminate loopholes and some tax provisions that save oil companies billions of dollars.

In a letter to the IRS, Grassley and Baucus said the tax records of the major oil companies are needed to conduct "a comprehensive review" of the companies' compliance with tax laws.

"As pressure mounts to address extraordinarily high gas prices that consumers are facing at the pump, we feel we should better understand the federal tax posture of the industry," the two senators wrote IRS Commissioner Mark Everson.

H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)



CENTER STAGE: President Bush announces the appointment of conservative commentator Tony Snow as press secretary at the White House on Wednesday.

Bush Taps Snow for Press Secretary Post

Fox pundit's files include commentary critical of new boss

WASHINGTON | President Bush gave his presidency a facelift Wednesday, tapping a smooth-talking, telegenic conservative commentator as the new White House press secretary.

The appointment of Fox News pundit Tony Snow as Bush's third chief spokesman was intended in part to help improve the White House's frayed relationship with the press corps. Bush paired the

announcement of his choice with some friendly jabs at reporters, and a serving of respect for their craft.

Snow, a 50-year-old Ohio native, plans to take over from current press secretary Scott McClellan the week of May 8.

Democrats seized on remarks and writings Snow has produced in nearly 25 years in the media that have been critical of Bush, and often provocative. Snow has been the host of the "Tony Snow Show" on Fox News Radio and "Weekend Live with Tony Snow" on the Fox News Channel. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

Recovered Body Linked to Missing N.J. Student

EWING, N.J. | Searchers at a Pennsylvania landfill found the body of a college student who disappeared more than a month ago, but police said Wednesday they don't suspect foul play.



Fiocco

John Fiocco Jr., a freshman at The College of New Jersey, was last seen early March 25 when he returned to his campus dormitory after a party.

Investigators later found his blood on the dormitory's trash bin, which led them to the landfill in nearby Tullytown, Pa.

After more than three weeks of searching, they found the body Tuesday, police and investigators said Wednesday. Fiocco was identified through dental records.

State police Superintendent Rick Fuentes said the investigation is continuing, but Fiocco's death is not classified as a homicide.

Investigators contacted 1,000 students and school workers, and interviewed more than 150 of Fiocco's friends and relatives, and don't suspect foul play, he said. (AP)

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The number of years a Tenn. teenager was sentenced for asking a friend to take over his pot-dealing operation while he was to be on probation. Aaron K. Lawless had only 20 days left on a six-month sentence for his role in a drive-by shooting when police intercepted the letter to his friend.

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'Minutemen' See Boost From Rallies

Immigration marches give border project jump in recruitment

IRVINE, CALIF. | Laurie Lisonbee worried about illegal immigration but figured it was somebody else's issue — until she saw hundreds of thousands of immigrants and their supporters marching across her TV screen.

Soon, Lisonbee had recruited several friends to attend a demonstration by the Minuteman Project, a volunteer group that patrols the border to keep out illegal immigrants. Now, the 51-year-old art professor checks the group's Web site daily and plans a summer trip to the Mexican border to help build a fence.

Minuteman organizers say this



RALLYING CRY: Robin Hvidston, a member of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, protests President Bush's immigration policy in Irvine, Calif., on Monday.

spring's marches have proved to be an unexpected recruitment tool for Americans who feel uneasy about the burgeoning immigration move-

ment but may have considered the organization a pack of gun-toting vigilantes.

"We're not trying to be more

mainstream — mainstream has found us," said Stephen Eichler, the group's executive director. "They're saying, 'They believe what I believe,' and they're joining us."

The Minuteman Project first gained attention last year when Orange County resident and former tax accountant Jim Gilchrist helped lead its first 30-day patrol of the border in Arizona. The group has added mainstream political tools, including a network of local chapters and e-mail lobbying campaigns.

Since this spring's huge pro-immigrant rallies, 300 people nationwide have applied to start local chapters, according to Eichler. The group's goal is 500 chapters by December and a membership of 1 million within 1½ years, Eichler said. GILLIAN FLACCUS (AP)

Fla. Lawmakers Agree on Closing Juvenile Camps

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. | Florida lawmakers agreed Wednesday to shut down the state's juvenile boot camps after the death of a 14-year-old boy who had been beaten by guards.

The move still requires both chambers' approval.

Under the agreement, the four remaining sheriff-run boot camps would be replaced with a new, less militaristic program that would also be run by sheriffs but closely monitored by the state.

The elimination of boot camps was prompted by the Jan. 6 death of Martin Lee Anderson, who was roughed up by guards at a Panama City boot camp. The camp was shut down after the boy's death, which remains under investigation and prompted protests. (AP)

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World



SENTENCING: The judge who presided at the British "Da Vinci Code" copyright trial has put a code of his own into his 71-page ruling, delivered via odd italicizations. Judge Peter Smith said he didn't see why a ruling can't be a "matter of fun."

In Brief

KATMANDU, NEPAL Soldiers Open Fire on Villagers' Protest, Killing 6

Soldiers opened fire Wednesday on a crowd of thousands of villagers angry about the death of a local woman at an army base in southwestern Nepal, killing six and wounding at least 11, officials said. The shooting came as Nepal's communist rebels withdrew a blockade of the country's highways, but gave the country's political parties a two-day deadline to begin the process of rewriting the constitution, their leader said. (AP)

DUBLIN, IRELAND Report: IRA Working to End Violence Despite Holdouts

Commanders of the Irish Republican Army are working hard to end the group's involvement in violence and crime, but some members are defying their leaders and have retained firearms, an expert panel reported Wednesday. Britain and Ireland welcomed the broadly positive picture of IRA inactivity presented by the Independent Monitoring Commission. (AP)

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS Crowds Cheer PM's Decision To Quit After Violent Riots

Throngs of jubilant Solomon Islanders packed the streets Wednesday, cheering and waving palm fronds to celebrate the resignation of an unpopular prime minister whose election sparked two days of violent riots. Eight days after his election, Prime Minister Snyder Rini stepped down ahead of a no-confidence vote planned by opposition lawmakers. (AP)

HEARSAY | MIDEAST

"I want to give this government the chance it deserves, and the chance to move forward."

—PALESTINIAN LEADER MAHMOUD ABBAS COMMENTING ON THE HAMAS-LED GOVERNMENT AFTER GIVING A SPEECH IN NORWAY WEDNESDAY. ABBAS IS CALLING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO JUMP START NEW PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL.

Rumsfeld, Rice Pay Visit to Baghdad

Surprise trip comes as U.S. Army leader sees hope for partial pullout

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Success in forming a new Iraqi government may let some U.S. troops leave the war zone within months, the top American military commander in Iraq said Wednesday. Paying a surprise visit, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld embraced the country's fledgling leaders as independent and focused on the future.

"I came away most encouraged," Rumsfeld said after he and Rice spent a day meeting with Iraqi politicians and U.S. military and diplomatic advisers.

Rice called the priorities and commitment of Iraq's newly selected prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, "refreshing and really heartening."

The show of support for Iraq's government was meant to resonate in Iraq and among Americans, whose frustration with the war effort has helped drive President Bush's poll numbers to new lows.



Iraqi President Jalal Talabani greets Secretary Rumsfeld in Baghdad.

Army Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. military commander, said selection of government leaders marked a major step toward creating conditions that could allow a partial withdrawal.

"I'm still on my general timeline" for a possible withdrawal, he told reporters.

Separately, U.S. troops backed by a helicopter and jets struck a suspected safehouse of foreign insurgents in Yousifiyah, killing 12 militants and a woman in a raid near the site where a U.S. helicopter crashed, the military said Wednesday. (AP)



TENSE TIME: Egyptians and tourists view a memorial Wednesday to the victims of Monday's triple bombings in the Dahab resort.

Suicide Attackers Hit Again in Egypt

Only militants die in new assault targeting police, peacekeepers

CAIRO, EGYPT | Two suicide attackers targeting international peacekeepers and police blew themselves up Wednesday, two days after nearly simultaneous bombings killed at least 21 people at a resort in the Sinai Peninsula.

Egyptian Interior Minister Habib el-Adly said all the blasts this week were linked to terror

attacks against Sinai resorts last year and in 2004.

"The information we have indicates that (the perpetrators) are Sinai Bedouin, and the latest operations are linked to the previous attacks," el-Adly told state television, referring to the terror attacks in the Sinai resorts of Sharm el-Sheik last July and Taba in October 2004.

Egyptian authorities — eager not to further damage the Sinai's vital tourist trade by linking al Qaeda to the bombings — have

blamed Bedouin tribesmen for past attacks. But some outside intelligence officials have said groups linked to Osama bin Laden's terror organization were the more likely suspects.

Wednesday's attacks were unsophisticated — one bomber was riding a bicycle — and only the militants died.

The death and destruction were far greater Monday, when three bombs shattered a peaceful holiday weekend, killing 21 people in the Dahab resort. WILLA THAYER (AP)

Violence Escalates In Sri Lanka

Airstrikes on Tamil Tiger strongholds cause thousands to flee

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA | The military unleashed airstrikes and mortar attacks Wednesday at areas controlled by Tamil Tiger insurgents, who said that 15,000 people had fled the second day of violence sparked by a suspected rebel suicide bombing.

The rebels said at least 12 people in its territory had been killed in attacks that the military launched Tuesday in the first major military assault since agreeing to a 4-year-old cease-fire. The government attacks escalated Wednesday after the government said rebel mortar fire at targets including a navy ship had killed three civilians and injured 11 people.

The government pledged continued action against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, which it held responsible after a Tuesday suicide bombing that injured the government's top military commander.

A top military analyst said that Sri Lanka could return to full-scale warfare if the government's military operation expands and results in substantial rebel casualties. (AP)

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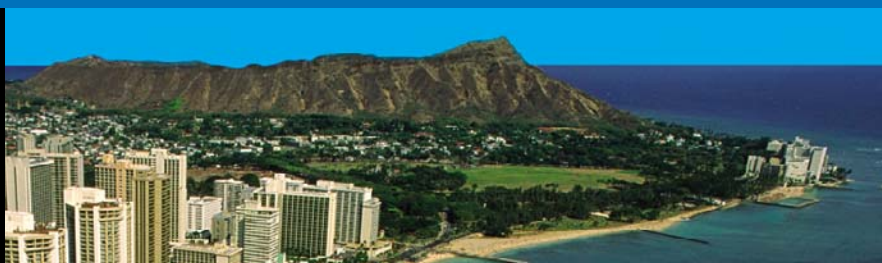
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The number of countries hit by the bird flu, which has also killed more than 100 people, a U.N. official reports. Ivory Coast reported its first cases of the virus on Wednesday.

World

Iran Warns U.S. on Attack

Supreme leader says Tehran would respond 'twofold' to an invasion

TEHRAN, IRAN | With a U.N. deadline looming for Tehran to halt its uranium enrichment activities, Iran's supreme leader warned the United States on Wednesday that his nation would hit back twice as hard if America attacked its nuclear sites.

Even as it threatened to ravage U.S. global interests, Iran sent its top nuclear official to Vienna for talks with the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency ahead of a Friday deadline.

"The Americans should know that if they invade Iran, their interests around the world would be harmed," supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told workers gathered ahead of an international workers' holiday, state television reported.

"Iran will respond twofold to any attack," Khamenei said.

The United States has repeatedly said it has no plans to attack Iran



Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei greets supporters in Tehran Wednesday.

but that all options remain on the table as it pursues a diplomatic solution to Iran's insistence on enriching uranium—a process that can produce fuel for generators or fissile material for nuclear bombs.

The Security Council has given Iran until Friday to suspend enrichment. If it does not, the council is likely to consider punitive measures against the Islamic republic.

Iran has rejected the ultimatum, but senior negotiator Gholamreza

Aghazadeh was discussing the issue in talks Wednesday with the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is preparing a report on Iran's compliance with the Security Council demand.

In Vienna, diplomats speaking on condition of anonymity were skeptical of any proposals that Aghazadeh was carrying, saying they were unlikely to alter the negative tone of the IAEA report to the Security Council. NASSER KARIMI (AP)

New Troubles for Blair As Local Vote Nears

LONDON | In a single disastrous day, one of Prime Minister Tony Blair's closest allies came under fire over a prisoner release scandal, his deputy admitted an extramarital fling, and his health secretary endured jeers from nurses.

The headaches are piling up for Blair and his Labour Party ahead of local elections that could reduce the British leader's chances of hanging on to power if they go badly.

Conservative Party leader David Cameron pounced on Blair after the nation's top law enforcement official admitted officials released more than 1,000 foreign convicts from prison without considering whether they should be deported.

Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott's acknowledgment of an extramarital affair with a secretary was another issue, adding a sordid

element to the government's problems.

Prescott's office confirmed the Daily Mirror newspaper had accurately reported his admission that "I did have a relationship with her which I regret."



Blair

The newspaper printed photos showing Prescott, 67, with his arm around Tracey Temple, 43, and Temple unbuttoning his shirt at an office party.

Things failed to improve as Wednesday wore on. Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt faced loud jeers as she spoke at a convention of nurses furious about changes the government is pushing through the National Health Service. (AP)

Chadian Rebel Group Hints at New Offensive

PARIS | Leaders of Chad's main rebel group said Wednesday that opposition forces could launch a new offensive ahead of May 3 presidential elections.

France-based representatives for the United Front for Democratic Change claimed their group held 80 percent of Chad's territory, and had enough people and weapons to depose President Idriss Deby.

A rebel attack on Chad's capital April 13 left at least 350 dead and prompted concern about stability in the central African nation. But Deby quickly repelled the attack, and the rebel forces appear much weaker than they claim.

Still, Raoul Laona Gong, external affairs director for the rebel group, said at a Paris news conference, "We're ready to use force before or after May 3." (AP)

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World



Praskoviya Nezhyvova holds a portrait of her son, who died during clean-up operations for the 1986 Chernobyl blast, at a victim's monument in Kiev on Wednesday.

Ukrainians Recall Chernobyl Tragedy

Yushchenko says disaster site should become place of 'hope'

CHERNOBYL, UKRAINE | Ukrainians marked the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster Wednesday — paying homage to the victims while searching for ways to live with the legacy of the world's worst ever nuclear accident and restore life to contaminated land.

President Viktor Yushchenko, arriving by helicopter at the shuttered Chernobyl nuclear power plant for commemorations, said that Chernobyl should be transformed into a beacon of hope, and nuclear energy should not be feared.

"Chernobyl must not be a mourning place; it must become a place of hope," Yushchenko said after laying flowers beneath a monument to

victims of the 1986 disaster.

That will be difficult in a nation where Chernobyl's emotional wounds remain raw. The final health, environmental and social tolls are still unknown two decades after Chernobyl's Reactor No. 4 exploded during a pre-dawn test April 26, 1986, spewing radioactive clouds over much of the western Soviet Union and northern Europe.

Bringing red carnations and flickering candles to Chernobyl memorials, Ukrainians repeated a common mantra: It can't be allowed to happen again.

Thousands have been diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and the U.N. health agency said about 9,300 people were likely to die of cancers caused by radiation. Some groups, such as Greenpeace, have suggested that number could be 10 times higher. NATASHA LISOVA (AP)

Putin Decides to Reroute Oil Pipeline

TOMSK, RUSSIA | President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday ordered a planned Siberian oil pipeline to be moved farther away from Lake Baikal, the world's largest body of fresh water, in a surprise announcement that dismayed energy officials and delighted environmentalists.

Officials had proposed routing

the pipeline within 875 yards of Baikal, alarming environmentalists who said the lake's unique ecology could be destroyed in the event of a rupture.

The pipeline is set to run from Siberia's Irkutsk region to the Amur region on the Chinese border, then on to Russia's Pacific coast. (AP)



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FUEL INTENTIONS: Md. Gov. Robert Ehrlich asked state Attorney General J. Joseph Curran on Wednesday to “conduct whatever investigations are appropriate” into rapidly increasing gasoline costs in Maryland.

Local

Religious Forum Kicks Off

Interfaith assembly comes to D.C. for first meeting held in U.S.

WASHINGTON | Religious leaders from a broad swath of worldwide faiths will meet this week at Georgetown University, marking the first time the annual interfaith forum is held in the United States since it was started 20 years ago by Pope John Paul II.

The opening session of the two-

day “International Prayer for Peace,” which brings together leaders of major religions for discussions, was set for Wednesday. The summit will end Thursday with the signing of a proclamation for peace.

The event is the largest regular interfaith gathering in the world, with 100 speakers from across the world. The roster of religious leaders scheduled to speak includes Catholics, Jews, Methodists, Muslims, Mennonites, Eastern

Orthodox Christians and Shintoists. Charity groups, academics, journalists and diplomats also take part.

This year’s discussions include issues such as the role of religion in dealing with terrorism, poverty, AIDS, genocide and resolving conflicts between faiths.

Pope John Paul II held the first meeting in 1986 when he gathered with leaders from non-Christian religions to pray, fast and hold a “World Day of Prayer for Peace.” (AP)

Church Defacing Is Investigated As Hate Crime

BOWIE, MD. | A church and sound barrier were defaced this week with spray-painted racist slurs, an incident Prince George’s County police are investigating as a hate crime.

The large graffiti included swastikas, the letters “KKK” and anti-black epithets. They could be seen Tuesday by motorists driving by the Redeemed Christian Church of God Victory Temple on Route 450.

Firefighters used hoses to remove the paint from the church exterior. Volunteers eventually draped a blue tarp over the defaced sound barrier that sits about 50 yards away.

“You could just see people’s shoulders slump down as they walked by,” Mary Nusser, who helped cover the wall, said. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Fewer than 74 percent of Virginia ninth-graders in 2001 graduated from high school in 2005, according to state education figures. A disproportionate number of blacks and Hispanics were found among dropouts. (AP)

WASHINGTON | HAIL TO THE TEACH



CHIEF EXECUTIVE, EDUCATOR: President Bush walks with Kimberly Oliver, named Teacher of the Year by the Council of Chief State School Officers, at the White House on Wednesday, before he formally presented her with the award. Oliver teaches at Broad Acres Elementary in Silver Spring, Md.

Burn Victim Sees Attack on Video

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A woman who was badly burned last October sat quietly in court today while a video of the events that caused her injuries was shown to a jury.

Yvette Cade even offered tissues

to a relative who wept as the surveillance video was shown in a Prince George’s County courtroom.

Cade’s estranged husband, Roger Hargrave, is on trial for attempted murder and assault in connection with the October tenth attack. The incident occurred at a cellular telephone store where Cade was working last fall. (AP)

EPA Told to Follow Law In River Pollution Caps

Agency had asserted that ‘daily’ limits may be seasonal or annual

WASHINGTON | A federal appeals court has ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to limit pollution for the Anacostia River more frequently to comply with the Clean Water Act, a ruling that may have implications for other cities.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on Tuesday ordered daily caps on pollution to replace a system of annual and seasonal pollution limits. A lower court had agreed with

the EPA’s contention that the word “daily” in the act was flexible enough to include seasonal or annual limits, but the three-judge panel decided the word “daily” was literal.

“Daily means daily, nothing else,” Judge David S. Tatel wrote in a 14-page decision. “Doctors making daily rounds would be of little use to their patients if they appeared seasonally or annually.”

Environmentalists said the decision would help reduce the millions of gallons of raw sewage that flows into the Anacostia every year, making it one of the nation’s most polluted rivers. (AP)

More to Testify in McKinney Incident

WASHINGTON | More House aides have been served with subpoenas to testify in the grand jury investigation of an incident last month where Rep. Cynthia McKinney hit a Capitol Police officer.

Staffers from four congressional

offices said Tuesday they would comply with subpoenas, related to the March 29 incident where McKinney, a Georgia Democrat, entered a Capitol building unrecognized by the officer on duty and then hit him when he tried to stop her. (AP)

In Brief

ARLINGTON, VA. County Official Calls for Immigrant Rally, Not Boycott

An Arlington County Board member is calling for a day of civic participation Monday — not a boycott. Some immigrant-rights groups are encouraging immigrants to miss work and school and avoid spending money May 1 to protest what they consider anti-immigration legislation before Congress. Arlington Board member Walter Tejeda said those concerned can instead attend a 4 p.m. community rally at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, or an 8:15 p.m. candlelight vigil at their home. (AP)

group considers to be an “increasingly commercial approach to its mission.” In a resolution passed by its executive board, the group has decided to suspend Smithsonian Books from its ranks. The decision highlights the ongoing debate over recent partnerships the Smithsonian has made with commercial businesses. (AP)

WASHINGTON Metro Begins Installing New Maps With Bus Information

Metro is adding new bus maps to its shelters and rail stations. The agency said the maps are more user-friendly, and has begun installing about 900 of them at a cost of more than \$1 million. The fiberglass, color-coded maps include regional street maps with markers reading “You Are Here.” They also include all bus services available from a location, rather than a single route. Rail stations, commuter rail lines, landmarks and other points of interest are also highlighted with information about how to get there by bus. (AP)

WASHINGTON Historian Society Protests Smithsonian ‘Commercialism’

The Society of American Historians is protesting the Smithsonian Institution because of what the

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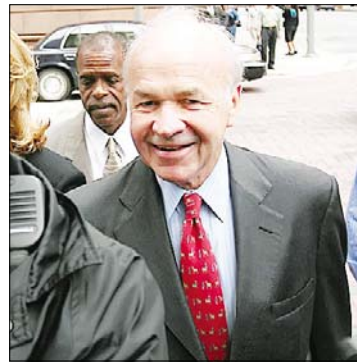
HOUSTON | Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay dropped his famous affable persona as his cross-examination began Wednesday, snarling at a prosecutor who accused him of witness tampering when the ex-chairman and chief executive called several potential witnesses during his fraud and conspiracy trial.

Jurors who had been listening impassively snapped to attention. “Did you have any conversations to get your story straight for trial?” asked prosecutor John Hueston, equally primed for battle.

“Can you elaborate on that Mr. Hueston?” Lay shot back. “I’m not sure what story you’re talking about.”

The prosecutor noted that Lay called two Goldman Sachs & Co. executives during the trial regarding a September 2001 meeting about Enron.

Former Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow — whom Lay has dubbed a traitor, liar and crook — testified that he and Lay met with the executives to discuss



The normally genial Ken Lay fought with prosecutors at his trial Wednesday.

restructuring Enron at the same time Lay was telling employees and reporters that the company was sound. Lay says the executives called the meeting to discuss Enron’s vulnerability to a takeover.

Lay said he called the executives in March — the same month Fastow testified — but he said he didn’t try to align their memories of the meeting with his.

Lay’s visible anger and Hueston’s rapid-fire questioning produced an electricity that has been absent from the trial, even during almost eight days of testimony from his scrappier co-defendant, ex-Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling. KRISTEN HAYS (AP)

In Brief

CHICAGO

Commercial Plane Business Fuels Big Gains for Boeing

Boeing Co. rode the momentum of its commercial airplane business to a strong start to 2006, posting 29 percent higher first-quarter profits and overcoming a sub-par showing by its defense business. Two years to the day after launching plans for the fuel-conscious 787 jet, Boeing announced results Wednesday that reflect continuing lift from two less-ballyhooed standbys — the 737 and the 777. Commercial airplane revenues jumped 48 percent, and its operating margins increased by an impressive 10 percent. (AP)

DETROIT

Diesel Registrations in U.S. Up 80 Percent in 5 Years

The number of diesel cars, trucks and sport utilities on U.S. roads rose 80 percent between 2000 and 2005 as more vehicles hit the market and more buyers chose fuel-efficient diesels as an option, according to data released Wednesday by an advocacy group. There were 543,777 new diesel vehicles registered in 2005, compared to 301,471 five years earlier, according to data from the Southfield-based auto information company R.L. Polk & Co. and released by the Diesel Technology Forum. (AP)

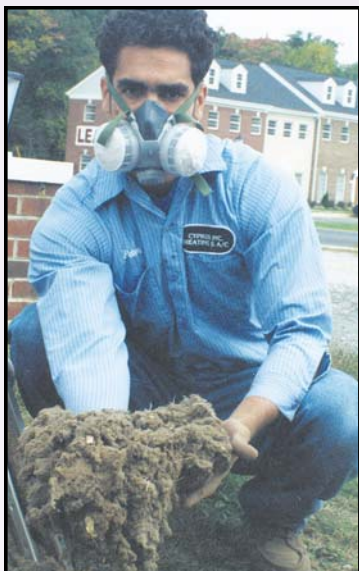
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LearCorp	25.10	+3.08	+14.0
MonacoC	13.90	+1.65	+13.5
Visteon	5.95	+70	+13.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Wellmn	5.47	-1.43	-20.7
LoneStTch	54.28	-8.14	-13.0
AVX Cp	17.40	-2.48	-12.5
Moodys s	62.00	-8.43	-12.0
SimpsnM	39.57	-5.37	-11.9

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ACS Tc80	10.47	+5.26	+101.0
AlliedMot	5.41	+1.73	+47.0
ElecSen	8.40	+1.90	+29.2
Sanmina	5.09	+1.05	+26.0
SciLearn	4.70	+74	+18.7

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2-year	4.99	4.85
10-year	5.11	5.03
30-year	5.19	5.12

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Canadian Dollar	1.1279	1.1313	1.2448
European Euro	.8030	.8049	.7708
Japanese Yen	114.70	114.78	105.93
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Taiwanese Dollar	32.05	31.94	31.42

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Citigrp	47.75	+.29	-1.6
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UBS AG	115.42	+.98	+21.3
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WellsFrgo	65.60	+.51	+4.4



ENOUGH OF EIGHT: L.A. Lakers' star Kobe Bryant apparently has decided to one-up Michael Jordan and LeBron James. Bryant plans to switch from his No. 8 jersey to No. 24 next year, ESPN.com reports. Jordan and James, of course, wore No. 23.

Sports

In Brief



Mench hits a grand slam Wednesday.

BASEBALL

Mench Sets Homers Record, But Rangers Lose to the A's

Kevin Mench hit a grand slam to set a Texas Rangers record by homering in his sixth straight game, but Francisco Cordero blew another save and Jay Payton hit a two-run single in the 10th inning that gave the Oakland Athletics a 6-4 victory Wednesday. (AP)

NFL DRAFT

Texans Rule Out Young, Will Take Bush or Williams

The Houston Texans will take Southern Cal running back Reggie Bush or North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams with the first pick in Saturday's draft, general manager Charley Casserly said Wednesday, dashing the hopes of Texas fans who have been clamoring for the team to pick Vince Young, a Houston native. (AP)

Nats' Bats Fall Silent Against Reds

Washington's home record drops to 1-7 after Cincinnati sweep

NATIONALS | Everything, it seems, is going right for Bronson Arroyo and the Cincinnati Reds these days. And all is amiss for the Washington Nationals.

Arroyo threw eight innings of one-hit ball, and Cincinnati jumped out to an early lead just as they did all series in a 5-0 victory over Washington on Wednesday that completed a three-game sweep.

Arroyo, who struck out eight and walked two in his latest impressive outing since a spring training trade from the Red Sox, improved to 4-0 with a 2.34 ERA in five starts — allowing only Ryan Zimmerman's single to right-center with two outs in the fourth.

Thanks to Arroyo and the majors' highest-scoring offense, the Reds are 15-7, including four consecutive victories to cap a 6-1 road trip.

And what about those Nationals? The team that was the feel-good story for much of 2005, leading the NL East into July in its first season in Washington, dropped to 7-14 with a fourth straight loss.

Emblematic of their recent prob-



SEEING REDS: Adam Dunn heads to third base after an error by Ramon Ortiz. The Nationals had two errors and one hit.

NATS NOTES: NO OWNER, NO FANS AND NO MORE TRABER

→ **In response** to a report about the sale of the Nationals, MLB president Bob DuPuy issued a statement saying: "No decision has been made to date. The commissioner and I continue to meet with representatives of the groups and there will be an official announcement when the decision is made."

→ **The announced attendance** was 19,380, meaning each of the past four games drew smaller crowds than the smallest of 2005.

→ **Billy Traber** was optioned back to Triple-A New Orleans on Wednesday, as Washington claimed ex-Nat Zach Day off waivers from the Rockies. (AP)

lems, the Nationals had more errors in one inning (two in the fourth) than hits in the entire game.

"You can't keep going like this and saying, 'Well, it's early. It's going to come around.' We need to get results," manager Frank Robinson said, "and we need to get them starting tomorrow."

Washington fell to 1-7 at home this season. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)



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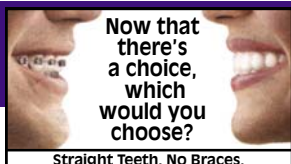
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Sports



Wizards center Brendan Haywood collars Cleveland Cavaliers LeBron James on the way to the basket in Game 2 of the series. Washington won 89-84 on Tuesday.

Haywood Puts Cavs in Foul Mood

Center's hard hit on James may be turning point on playoff series

WIZARDS | Brendan Haywood wasn't even supposed to be starting this series. His play for the Washington Wizards has been below the radar so often that he started referring to himself and Jared Jeffries as the "Little Two" — as opposed to Big Three that lead the team in scoring and publicity.

The 7-foot center made his mark, however, against none other than LeBron James in Game 2 of the Wizards' first-round series against the Cleveland Cavaliers. His not-so-gentle bear hug of the superstar driving the lane set the tone for Tuesday's 89-84 victory, which tied the series at one game apiece.

"One play doesn't win a ball game," Haywood said after a short practice Wednesday at Verizon Center. "Some guys said it helped us out a lot. I'm not sure. It was just one play. It was something I felt needed to be done. I thought the team as a whole, we all knew we

had to be better and bring a more physical presence."

Haywood can downplay his hard foul all he wants, but consider this: James made both free throws after the foul to give Cleveland a 21-8 lead with 3:47 to go in the first quarter — and didn't score again for nearly 14 minutes.

After a triple-double playoff debut in Game 1, James had 10 turnovers in Game 2 and scored his 26 points on 7-of-25 shooting.

The Wizards also won because the Big Three — Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler — combined for 72 points, 50 percent better than their 48 points in Game 1. Their 67.1 average during the regular season made them the highest scoring trio in the league.

But coach Eddie Jordan wanted to make sure that just dues went to Haywood and Jeffries, who was the main defender on James.

"We talk about the Big Three, but who made the most contributions? The Little Two," Jordan said. "Brendan's hard foul and Jared's defense." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



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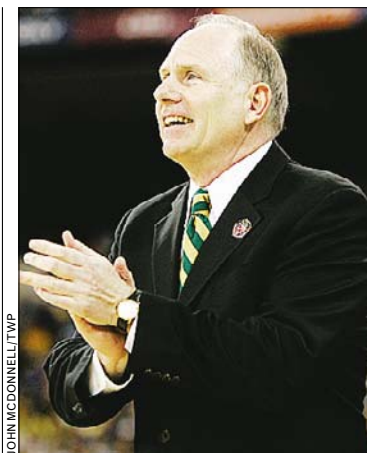
Mason Rewards Coach Larranaga

Three-year contract extension comes after run to the Final Four

MASON HOOPS | Coach Jim Larranaga signed a three-year contract extension Wednesday — a month after leading George Mason to the Final Four — that will keep him at the school through the 2011-2012 season. Terms were not disclosed, but the total compensation package, including bonuses and income from his summer camp, will likely make Larranaga the best-paid coach in the Colonial Athletic Association.

"When you find a place where you're very happy, you don't want to gamble that happiness on something you don't know will be good," Larranaga said.

After Larranaga's unique brand of whimsical motivation helped the Patriots earn the first NCAA tournament wins — a stunning four games — in school history, his name became fodder for several high-profile job openings this month, including one at Seton Hall, where he turned down an interview.



Jim Larranaga spurned offers from other schools to stay at George Mason.

Larranaga's base salary in fiscal year 2005-'06 was \$196,796, according to an open records request, although his total compensation was significantly more. The team's three assistant coaches made a total of just over \$151,000, placing the staff near the bottom of the league's eight public universities, according to open records requests. Athletic Director Tom O'Connor said all three assistants have since received raises.

DAN STEINBERG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Barcelona-Arsenal Championship Set

SOCCER | FC Barcelona drew 0-0 with AC Milan on Wednesday to advance to the Champions League final. Barcelona will play Arsenal in Paris on May 17 after it won the first leg of the semifinals 1-0.

Milan goalkeeper Dida made two one-one-one saves to deny Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o in the first half, and another block on a

header from reserve forward Henrik Larsson after halftime.

Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko had a goal disallowed in the 69th minute for a foul on Barcelona captain and defender Carles Puyol.

Barcelona's only European Cup win was in 1992 against Sampdoria, while Arsenal has never played in a Champions League final. (AP)

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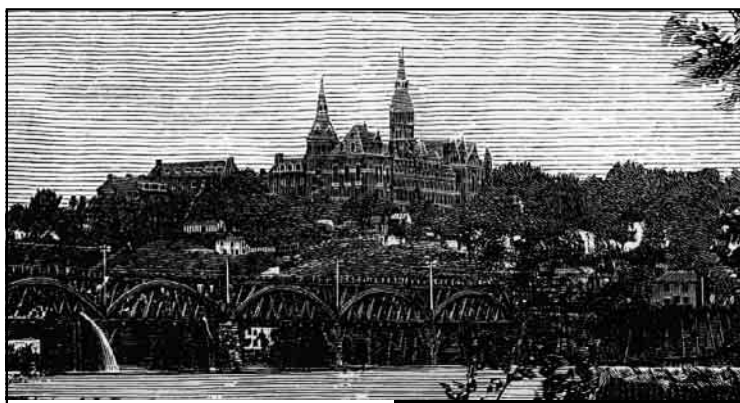
NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT) The Miami Heat can take a 3-0 lead over the Chicago Bulls; the L.A. Clippers can do the same against the Denver Nuggets.

NHL PLAYOFFS (7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON OLN) Ottawa tries to even its series with Tampa Bay; Edmonton can take a 3-1 lead over

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BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON MASN) Mike O'Connor makes his major league debut of the year for the Nationals against Sidney Ponson and the St. Louis Cardinals.

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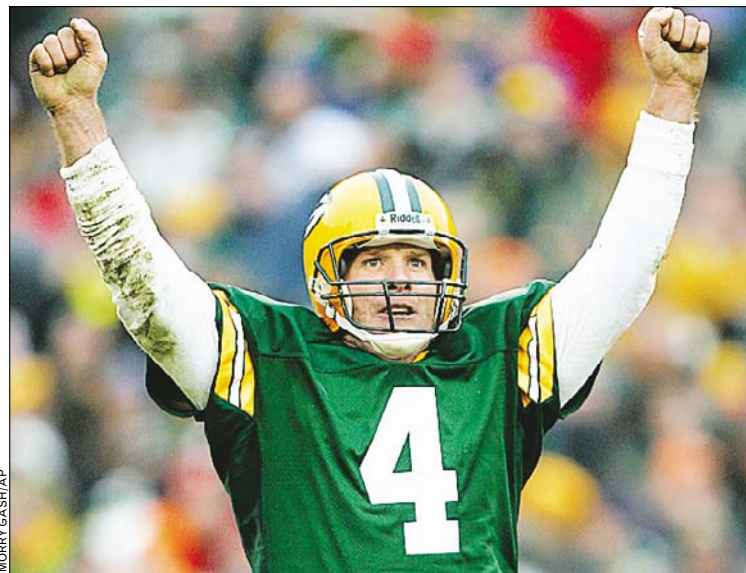
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Sports



Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre ended months of speculation about his future by agreeing to play another year for the Packers. He has won three MVP awards.

Favre's Heading Back to Packers

NFL | The Green Bay Packers haven't reeled in any big-time free agents, but that didn't prevent them from pulling off their biggest offseason move of all: Convincing Brett Favre to return.

"The Green Bay Packers are very pleased that Brett has come to this decision, and look forward to a successful 2006 season," Packers general manager Ted Thompson said in a statement, confirming a report by ESPN Tuesday night that Favre had told the team he was returning.

Packers president and CEO Bob Harlan said he was delighted that

Favre was coming back — something he expected to happen, despite Favre's four months of public wavering on the decision.

"I always said the calendar was working in our favor," Harlan said. "If he was going to [retire], he would have told us in January."

Harlan said he didn't know if Favre was working out with a personal trainer to stay in shape, as he did last offseason. But he expects the three-time MVP to be prepared. "I think he's looking forward to it, and I think he's going to be ready," Harlan said. CHRIS JENKINS (AP)

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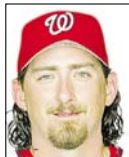
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Sports



“Off the Field

NATS RELIEVER GARY MAJEWSKI

Q&A | Gary Majewski's rubber arm and quiet demeanor don't earn him the limelight often. But his peers certainly know who he is. The softspoken Texan was one of just a few middle relievers selected to the United States' squad for the World Baseball Classic.

What was it like to go back to your old high school recently (St. Pius X in Houston, Texas) to have your jersey retired?

My coach told me last year he was going to try to get something together. They built brand new facilities up there, so they had a ceremony for the opening and having me in town. I enjoyed it. It was a great honor.



Gary Majewski has replaced the injured Luis Ayala as the Nationals' set-up man.

You pitched in the World Baseball Classic. How much did you pick the other pitchers' brains?

I talked to [Todd] Jones and [Roger] Clemens a little bit. Those guys, when they talk, you really don't ask questions. You just kind of sit back and soak in whatever they say.

“I don't want to see myself get lit up on the TV.”

You threw 79 games in relief last year. How hard is it to bounce back and pitch every two or three days?

It's not [hard]. A starter's arm could feel terrible for four days, but on the fifth day, he's ready to go. As a reliever you do the things every day. My arm's used to it. ... I didn't really like [starting] because I like going as hard as you can as long as they let you stay in the game.

What do you do when you're not playing baseball?

I go home and play video games. I love playing football and baseball games. I'm not really into “Halo” or running around and shooting things.

When you play baseball video games, do you ever use yourself?

No. I don't want to see myself get lit up on the TV.

Do you have any superstitions?

Not so much anymore. Last year, when I lived with Chad [Cordero], we had to listen to the same songs every day on the way to the field. We had to stop at the store and get a couple Cokes and I'd have to get some Taquitos.

Didn't the Taquitos mess with your stomach?

Oh yeah, the first couple days. But I'm from Houston, so I'm used to eating real spicy food.

What did you guys listen to in the car?

A lot of '80s. [Cordero was driving and] he doesn't like country music at all, so I didn't get a say-so in that. ERIC BRANDNER



BY THE NUMBERS: In his first full season on the Major Leagues, relief pitcher Gary Majewski led the Washington Nationals with 24 holds and 79 appearances last season. The right-hander allowed just two runs in 86 innings and struck out 50 batters, solidifying his roster spot for this season, in which he is 1-1 with a 3.52 ERA in 12 appearances this April. (EXPRESS)

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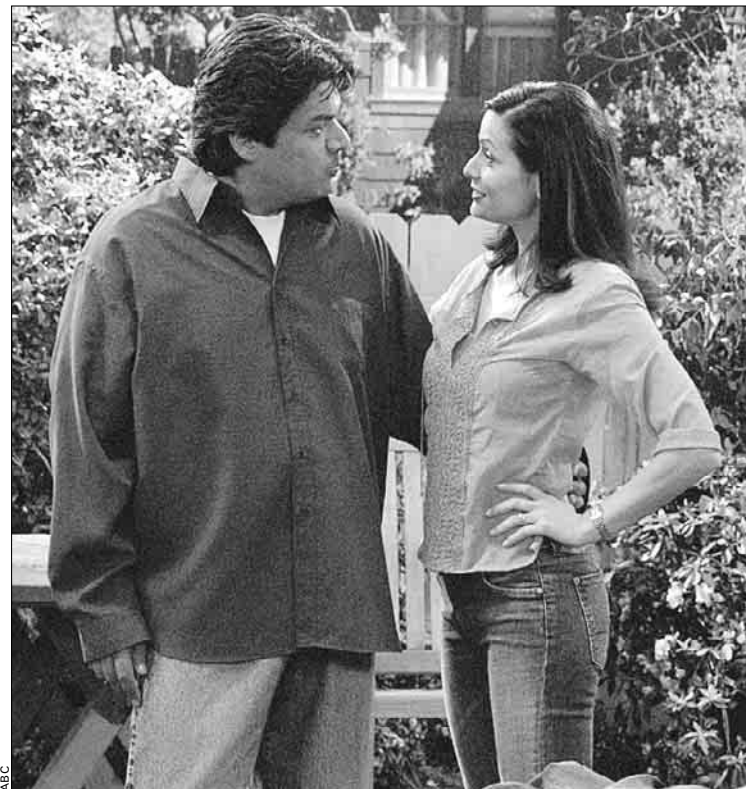
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UNDER THE RADAR: ABC's comedy "George Lopez," along with "Freddie," starring Freddie Prinze Jr., are the two highest-rated shows among Latino viewers.

A Double Milestone

'George Lopez' proves niche viewing means big numbers

DEMOGRAPHICS | When the 100th episode of "George Lopez" aired last month on ABC, it marked the first time a network comedy with a primarily Latino cast reached the century mark. Despite little promotion and multiple scheduling changes, "Lopez" has connected with its valuable audience for four seasons.

In fact, even though ABC and Lopez himself set out to create a sitcom that would appeal to a wide swathe of viewers, media buyers are keenly aware of its particular popularity with Hispanics.

"The Hispanic population is growing by leaps and bounds," said Brad Adgate, senior vice president and director of research

at New York-based Horizon Media. "The median age of all Hispanics is 26, which is an advertiser's sweet spot."

A lot of the show's popularity traces back to its star: a 44-year-old stand-up comic.

"I don't think it's groundbreaking in content," said Lopez, speaking with candor that is rare among stars and producers. "There's been a lot of worse shows. There's been a lot of groundbreaking in the fact that no Mexican-American has ever created or been executive producer of a show that made it to 100 episodes."

Although ABC has not announced fall pickups for any series, cast and crew are eager to keep "Lopez" in production. "I think two more years would be nice," said Lopez. **BARRY GARRON**
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Nature

Nebraska river is meal station for birds, draw for tourists

To the human eye, the shallow, muddy Platte River surrounded by razed cornfields and brown pastureland is, at best, austere.

To the half-million sandhill cranes that land along an 80-mile stretch of the river each spring, it's an open space to roost that doesn't offer hiding places to predators. The birds also see plenty of places to feed on scattered corn and insect-rich cow waste.

"They build their reserves here; that's why they hang out here for so long," explained Tim Tunnell, grassland manager for The Nature Conservancy, which partners with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to promote restoration and conservation of the Platte-area grasslands so important to the cranes' existence.

The 3- to 4-foot-tall cranes pack on as much as 20 percent of their body weight by gorging on corn left in the fields from the previous fall's harvest. They use their beaks to flip over cow patties to dine on insects and grubs found underneath them.

"Just like they turned over buffalo patties before cattle were here," said Keanna Leonard, education director of the National Audubon Society's Rowe Sanctuary near Gibbon.

The light gray, heron-like birds need the extra calories to continue migrating from their winter grounds in the southern United States and Mexico to northern Alaska, Canada and Siberia, where they spend the summer. Once they reach those northern climes, they will nest and hatch their young before venturing back south and beginning the migratory cycle again.



SHAKE A TAIL FEATHER: At left, a sandhill crane tosses a wood chip in the air as it dances in a Nebraska field. At right, a flock of cranes prepares to land for the night.

But it's their three- to four-week layover along the river from Lexington to just west of Grand Island that has people from around the world pouring into the Midwestern state from mid-March through April. Some estimates have around 60,000 people showing up, some of them simply pulling over on the shoulder of Interstate 80 to watch the cranes fly over or share corn. Others set up pre-dawn bird-watching tours in various unheated blinds that are often a half-mile's hike from the nearest road.

There, they wait with binoculars for the birds to take off, careful not to make a sound for fear of spooking the nervous birds.

"It's fascinating to see," said Eric Hoff, a seasonal employee for the conservancy who leads sightseeing tours. "I can see why people would wonder what it is about the heart of Nebraska that attracts them."

The cranes reap the benefits from the advent of agriculture along the river, giving them adequate and easily accessible food. They also get help from environmental organizations, which work to keep the area attractive to cranes

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NATI HARNIK/AP

Crane Terrain

and other wildlife. That includes discing land around the river to prevent trees and other vegetation from growing, which would keep the cranes away.

The cranes, in turn, spark a surge of tourism for central Nebraska that brings people from as far as China and Madagascar and helps pump up the area's economy.

But there are hitches in the dance that sometimes find humans and birds stepping on each other's toes.

Tunnell, who works with private landowners along the Platte to conserve land for the cranes, conceded that advances in agriculture mean more grain is making it into har-

nomically," he said. "We can't really say, 'You need to alter your harvest techniques to leave more corn on the ground.' They'd just be leaving money on the ground."

Some farmers also find the influx of people more disruptive than the cranes. They complain that their tractors are obstructed by vehicles pulled over on back roads to watch the cranes.

Some want to build recreational houses along the river. Others are simply angry that sandhill cranes are protected from hunting in Nebraska, but not other states along their migratory path.

Then there's the concern that the cranes could bring a deadly strain of bird flu to the area after congregating up north with other waterfowl populations known to carry it.

"All of the game agencies are watching that very closely," Tunnell said. "That's one of the reasons we're trying to get these roosting sites spread out a little bit along the Platte. If there is an outbreak of bird flu in one part of the river, the whole Earth population isn't affected, because they're spread out." MARGERY BECK (AP)

"I can see why people would wonder what it is about the heart of Nebraska that attracts them."

ERIC HOFF
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

vest bins than ever before.

"We have to do what makes sense for farmers and other landowners here — in most cases, eco-

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Plants

Maryland man saves the great outdoors by raising trees inside

Ron Graunke likes to think of himself as the modern-day Johnny Appleseed. But instead of limiting himself to apple trees, he grows dozens of varieties of trees at his nursery.

Graunke, owner of Ron's Nursery and Landscaping in Mount Airy, has been raising trees since 1988. He started outdoors on eight acres, but found he didn't have a high success rate because of all the outdoor pressures: insects, deer, mice, voles and weather. On top of that, the roots didn't do well with being transplanted because of the disturbance in digging them up.

So, he started experimenting

“The faster we get a forest, the faster we can make up for our mistakes ... the best time to plant is when you have the time to do it.”

RON GRAUNKE
NURSERY OWNER

with two greenhouses and with growing the trees in pots. But the roots grew into big balls, he said, and weren't very adaptable.

He devised a system of planting tree seeds and acorns in plastic tubes. The tubes can be as narrow as 2½ inches in diameter, he said, because the roots just need to go down. Roots don't need to branch out until the tree starts branching out on top. As a result of this new



Ron Graunke is growing dozens of species of trees in environmentally sound ways

method, Graunke can fit 12 to 25 tree seedlings in a square foot. Graunke estimated that he grows 250,000 trees each year.

Nearly everything in the greenhouse is a recycled material, Graunke

said. He composts horse manure and mixes it with sand and other soil additives to make potting soil. The tubes are recycled plastic that should biodegrade outdoors in five years, he said. His irrigation

system is connected to a well that can pump five gallons per minute — about the rate that water comes out of a garden hose, he said. The irrigation system is computerized, he said, and can water 3,000 trees at a time.

The tops of Graunke's greenhouses are covered with a light blue plastic. Plants in the blue tubes grow two to three times faster than plants without the blue plastic filter, he said. As a result, he can grow a three- to four-foot tree in six months, whereas that would take about two years in a normal setting, he said.

“The faster we get a forest, the faster we can make up for our mistakes of cutting down the trees,” he said.

Throughout the fall, Graunke drives from site to site to collect acorns, walnuts, maple seeds, and whatever else he can find. During the winter he plants the seeds, and during the next three seasons, he transplants the trees at their contracted sites.

“Fall is actually the best time to plant trees,” Graunke said. “But the best time to plant is when you have the time to do it.”

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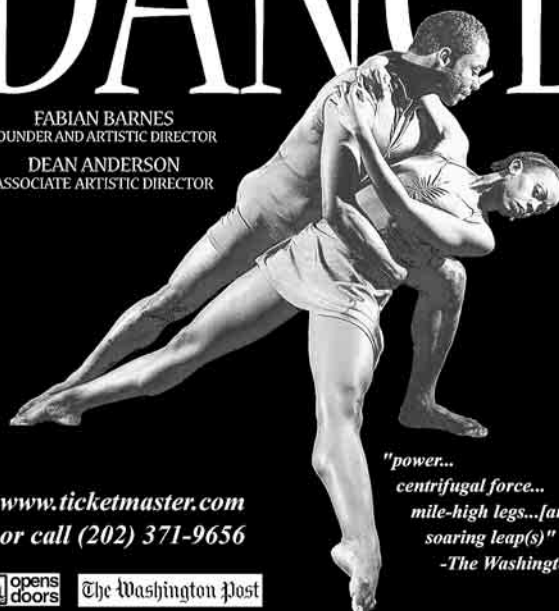
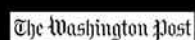
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Lighten Up

A beauty-full forecast for spring

Want to give your look a lift? Forget plastic surgery or Botox, or even microdermabrasion. A new lipstick can do the trick, and so can a chic new haircut.

There are many quick, easy, painless and relatively cheap ways to help women update their style, especially as visions of sun-kissed styles dance in their heads as the weather turns warmer.

"Big eyes continue to be huge. There's an incredible business in fake lashes, and big mascaras with new technologies and better brushes," reported Sarah Munson, general manager of beauty at Beauty.com.

Bronzers have become a beauty category unto themselves as have sunless tanners. Almost every brand, whether it's at the prestige or mass level, has a variety of products to re-create the glow one gets from the sun but without any of the skin-damage risks.

If you're not already using a bronzer, you will once you

start putting on white and other light-colored garments and realize how pale you are, Munson said, and you'll reach for the tinted moisturizer once you pull out your bathing suit.

Debbi Hartley-Triesch, national beauty and fragrance director for Nordstrom, said today's best-selling products are things that enhance natural beauty instead of mimicking a model or falling prey to trends.

"Women want makeup that makes them look like themselves just a little bit prettier," she said.

As fashion turns to more tailored clothing, Hartley-Triesch said, more women are choosing high color lipsticks. It's the yin and yang of your overall look: Highly stylized clothes are complemented by more subtle makeup, and simpler or delicate clothes can take a little more color on the face.

"The one thing women will not let go of, regardless of the trends, is a great lip gloss," Hartley-Triesch adds.

The update to the zillions of shimmering lip glosses already out there is that cosmetic companies are now paying attention to brilliance and a pearled effect in addition to shine.

Joe Costa, national makeup artist for Yves Saint Laurent, said

he's seen many women — especially in the Midwest and Southwest — drawn to peach and pinks so far this season. But, he adds, they're also doing a bit of experimenting with brighter colors on their eyes. "Women aren't afraid to put a little splash of color on the eyes as the accent. They're real intrigued by orange and a little bit of green and blue."

Blue? Yes, blue.

"Women have been afraid of blue but they want to dip their toe back

into it," Costa said.

If you're preparing a daytime look, Costa suggests covering the entire eyelid with a light green, using a dark green shadow liner along the upper lashline and then a little bit of blue on top of that using a tapered-edge sponge applicator. He calls it "a taffeta affect," a rich but not blaring use of blue.

If you're going out in the evening, use the blue over the entire lashline on the top and bottom, with a soft pink on the cheek and a coppery lip color. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

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Live Online

New Spokesman

RON NESSEN, former TV journalist and press secretary under President Gerald Ford, was online Wednesday to discuss the appointment of Fox News commentator Tony Snow as the new White House spokesman. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Is it common to bring in someone who was more a newscaster-type than McClellan or Fleischer? Does he have the skills needed to handle the media?

Before Tony's appointment, I was the last working journalist to be tapped for press secretary. All the others, until now, were P.R. people or government public affairs officers. I believe a journalist as press secretary has some advantages: He or she knows first-hand what kind of information reporters need ... and he or she can use their reportorial skills to dig information out of the various White House offices.

a reporter. I was a reporter on the inside. I'd see what was going on in the White House every day and then come out at my briefing and report to the other reporters what I had seen and heard. In reality, that turned out to be a bit naive.

There was a comment made by Snow himself (I think), as to why would he take a pay cut to become a pinata. Why did he?

I'm not sure why he did. But I can tell you why I did — after covering the White House during Lyndon Johnson's presidency and the first

How will Snow compare to Scott McClellan? Do you think as a mouthpiece for Bush he'll just be repeating the same non-answers McClellan gave?

Tony should benefit from his previous service as a journalist. I think his toughest chore will be to persuade President Bush and others in the White House to drop their defensive attitudes toward the news media and to take the time to explain their actions and to educate reporters about the many complex issues facing our country.

What hours did you work as press secretary and will someone who is recovering from colon cancer be able to handle the hours and strain?

I was picked up from home by a White House car at 6:30 a.m., and I usually got home in the evening between 10 and 11. I think Tony is more than able physically to handle the job.

Did you find it hard to switch sides, to be a spokesman and having to answer questions, instead of asking them?

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“My attitude when I took the press secretary's job was that I was still a reporter. ... [T]hat turned out to be a bit naive.”

RON NESSEN
FORMER WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY UNDER GERALD FORD

month of the Ford presidency, I had a strong urge to see what was going on behind the scenes. I got my wish, and what I found was that what went on in the White House was way more complicated than it appeared to me as a reporter on the outside.

Who might have been some better choices (not suggesting Snow is a bad one, just wondering about other options)?

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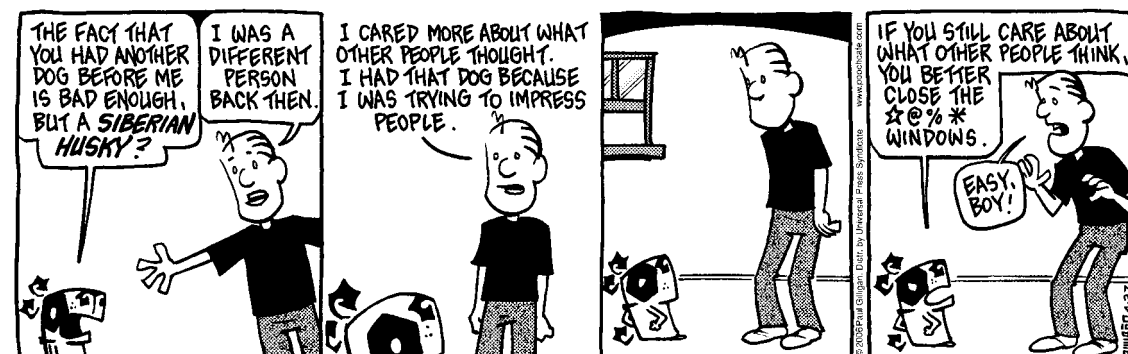
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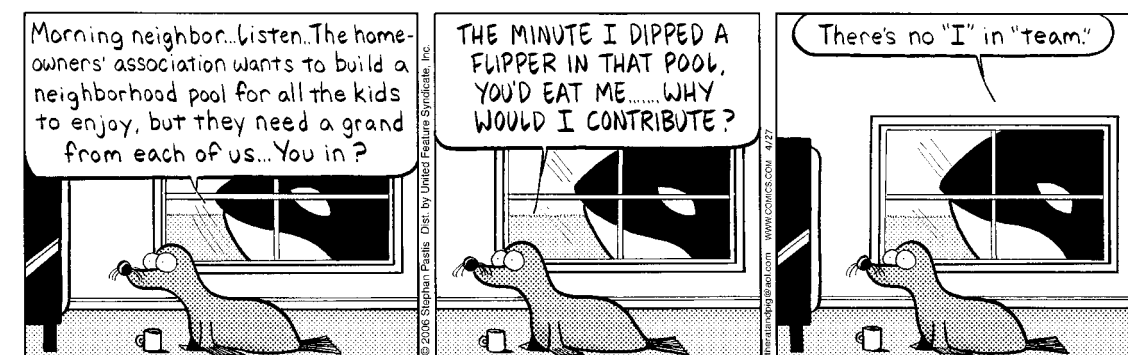
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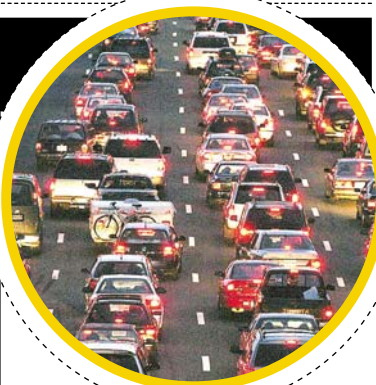
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Concentrate on style, and substance will follow. How you look doing what you're doing is perhaps the most important factor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It may prove difficult for you to do things in a way that is wholly acceptable to others, as you're feeling rather rebellious.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can begin a

valuable partnership with someone who is far from home. Use the telephone and mail service to square away a good deal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be feeling a little under the weather early in the day, but, as you begin to pick up speed, that sense of well-being will return.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You need to find someone to call your equal before you'll really be content with sharing yourself at home or at work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should be able to go the distance. But if for some reason you have to call it quits, you can do so without sacrificing your honor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Someone may interrupt your routine with the most unusual of requests. Don't jump to conclusions; you may actually enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Something may be sapping your strength and dissipating your enthusiasm. Toward evening hours, you'll hit on a viable solution.

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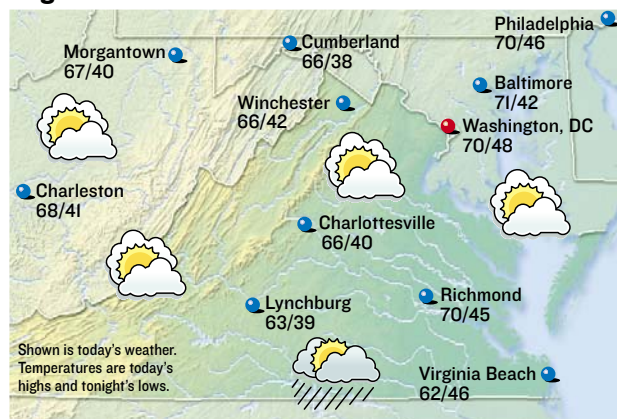


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70°	48°	66° / 46°	63° / 48°	66° / 50°	65° / 52°

Regional Weather



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Temperature

High	56°
Low	44°
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Normal low	49°
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24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.03"
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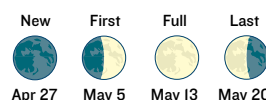
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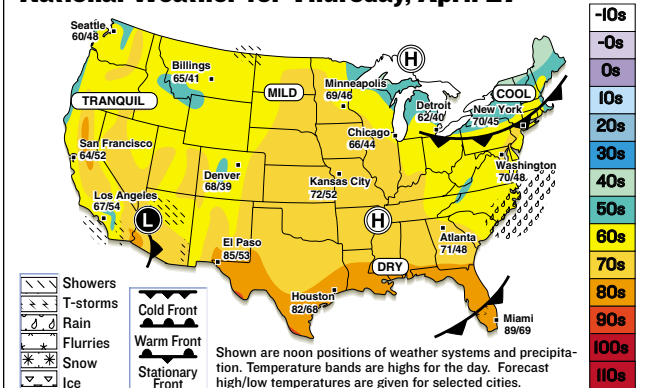
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:16 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:57 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:55 a.m.
Moonset today	8:12 p.m.



National Weather for Thursday, April 27



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	71/48/s	76/55/s
Boston	58/40/s	56/40/s
Chicago	66/44/s	65/45/pc
Dallas	78/62/s	74/58/t
Denver	68/39/pc	57/35/pc
Honolulu	84/71/pc	84/71/pc
Los Angeles	67/54/c	69/56/pc
Miami	89/69/t	84/68/pc
New York City	70/45/s	60/44/s
Orlando	88/60/t	84/60/s
Seattle	60/48/c	66/48/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	57/45/pc	52/36/pc
Athens	70/57/pc	62/43/pc
Berlin	67/46/sh	62/48/pc
Buenos Aires	79/59/s	79/46/pc
Calgary	61/41/pc	68/43/s
Dublin	58/45/pc	58/45/pc
Geneva	63/52/sh	61/40/c
Moscow	51/27/pc	52/32/pc
Rome	67/55/sh	66/47/sh
Sydney	66/52/pc	66/57/s
Tokyo	61/48/sh	64/50/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

People



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Teri would never have hurt that bulb.

INJURIES

When One Dim Bulb Meets Another, Violence Ensues

TERI HATCHER suffered an eye injury Tuesday when a light bulb exploded on the set of "Desperate Housewives." "Glass lodged in my right eye and proceeded to scratch my cornea," Hatcher told People magazine. "I am now wearing a most glamorous eye patch over the right half of my face." (AP)

CONFESSIONS

Brave Man Steps Up, Admits To Unleashing 'South Beach'

A writer has filed a lawsuit saying **JENNIFER LOPEZ** and UPN stole his idea for a series based on his move from Brooklyn to Miami and his involvement in the modeling and nightclub scenes. Jack Bunick's suit claims "South Beach" mirrors a script he wrote for a pilot that would have been called "South Beach Miami." He claims his agent spoke to a UPN executive and sent a copy of his script to her in February 2000. (AP)



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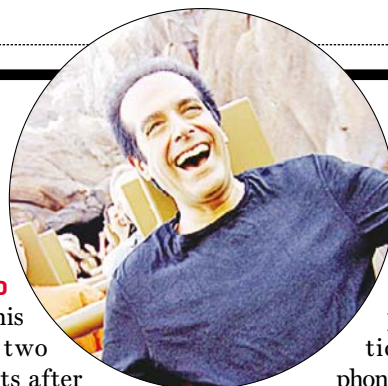
Cost, Meet Benefit

"Lost" star **MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ** surrendered Tuesday to Kaneohe, Hawaii, District Court for her five-day jail sentence for drunken driving. Rodriguez opted for jail time and a \$500 fine rather than 240 hours of community service. "I kind of have to get back to my life, go back to making some money," Rodriguez said outside the courtroom after pleading guilty to driving under the influence. "It kind of gave me a hard hit. ... I'm human." (AP)

SELF-DEFENSE Hello, Armed Teen. Wanna See a 747 Disappear?

DAVID COPPERFIELD

was walking to his tour bus with two female assistants after a show Sunday in West Palm Beach, Fla., when two armed robbers approached and demanded the group's belongings. One woman handed over \$400 from her pockets and the other gave up her



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purse with 200 euros, \$100, her passport, plane tickets and a cell phone. Copperfield says he turned his pockets inside out to reveal nothing in them, even though they contained his passport, wallet and cell phone. "Call it reverse pickpocketing," Copperfield told The Palm Beach Post. (AP)

VALUE ADDED

Dirty Costner Antics Enliven Petty Employment Dispute

KEVIN COSTNER allegedly exposed himself and performed a sex act as he received a massage at a Scottish hotel, says a claim by a former spa worker filed with a British employment tribunal. Her allegations were



not taken seriously by hotel staff, she said. "This was never about Kevin Costner. It is a dispute between a hotel and an ex-employee," Costner's spokesman told reporters. (AP)

DYSFUNCTION

Nothing But Love, And Repressed Sexuality

Ryan Seacrest told People magazine that he and **PAULA ABDUL** aren't speaking. "I don't know what the deal is. It's very awkward," he said. Seacrest also said he hadn't talked to Abdul about the apparent rift. "Reports of a feud are ridiculous," Abdul said. "We are one funny dysfunctional family. There's nothing but love." Any tension between the "American Idol" host and judge might have come after separate appearances on "The Tonight Show," on which each jokingly (or so it seemed) insulted the other. (AP)



Paula hated Ryan. She hated every pore on his stupid, worthless skin.

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LOOKout

Pour The Milk | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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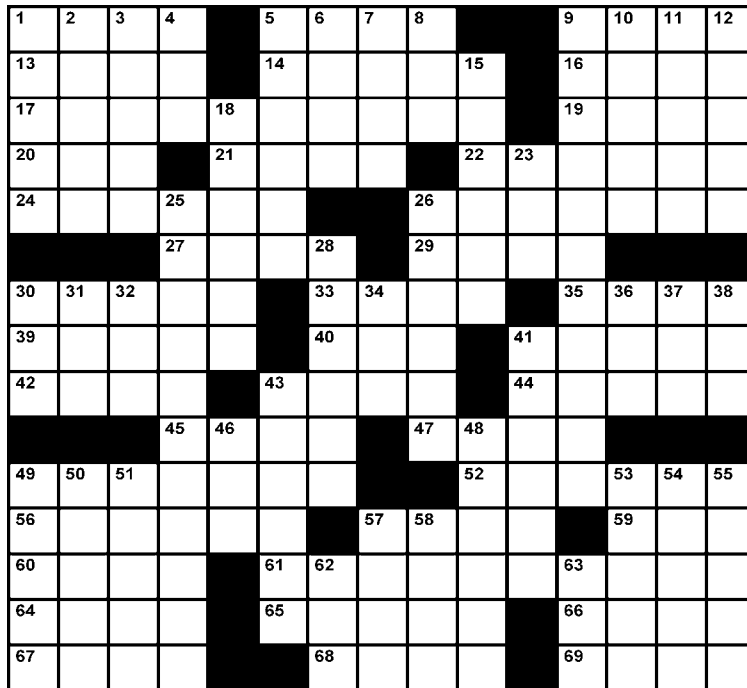
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21 Lovers' place
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24 TV pattern
26 They're hidden in this puzzle's theme entries
27 X-ray units
29 Take, as testimony
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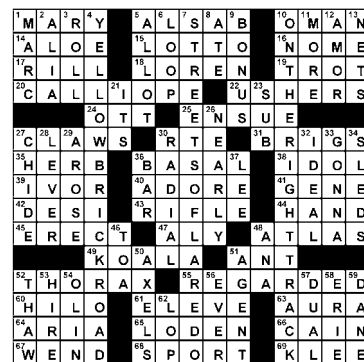
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Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1521 Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

1937 The nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

1965 Broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 57.

1973 During the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.

1978 Convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

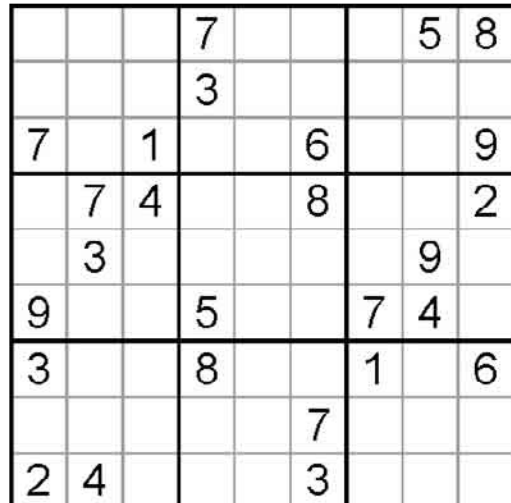
1986 A video pirate calling himself "Captain Midnight" interrupted a movie on HBO with a message protesting de-scrambling fees.

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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*** NAME:** Jack Rasmussen
GIG: Director and Curator of the
 AU Museum's Katzen Arts Center

ON TOUR FROM THE San Jose Museum of Art in California, the Katzen Arts Center presents "Visual Politics: The Art of Engagement." Based on University of Berkeley art historian Peter Seltz' book on the same subject, the exhibit examines the intertwined history of art and politics. Rasmussen talked about the show.

Why'd we have to go to California to get a show like this?

The reason is that not only did a lot of social and antiwar movements originate in California, but that the art created out there lends itself to social and political commentary. Washington art is mostly abstract, mostly intellectual.

So this show couldn't have been

conceived on the East Coast?

It would be very, very different. Certainly there are artists who have addressed political issues in their art, but I think the quality of the artists that concern themselves with political art on the West Coast is much different from practice on the East Coast.

Were there any major changes?

I added an outdoor installation by an anti-war ecofeminist.

That's the pillowcases, right?

Yes, they're pillowcases from women across the world [who] have written their dreams and nightmares about nuclear war. And I added some contemporary pieces ... a piece that comments on Abu Ghraib, another piece called "Condi Antoinette."

Without the contemporary pieces, does the message change?



COURTESY OF THE DI ROSA PRESERVE, NAPA, CA

ENTICING REACTION: Enrique Chagoya's "When Paradise Arrived," 1998.

Every painting in this show, every multimedia piece, every sculpture — it's all relevant to today, whether it concerns immigration, nuclear proliferation, human rights, civil rights or personal-identity issues. It's like nothing's changed.

Are they all countercultural pieces?

By definition, political art is against the status quo.

What's the difference between propaganda and political art?

It's not propaganda. It's not posters advertising a march. ... There's a long, long history of great political art. All you have to do is go to the National Gallery and look at the Dada show. It's not a new idea, just new for Washington.

What's the feedback thus far?

"There's a long history of great political art. All you have to do is ... look at the Dada show."

I only talked to about four angry people, which was sort of disappointing; I expected more.

What were they angry about?

Mostly it was how come all this work is criticizing Christian religion. They were disappointed that there wasn't some kind of Republican response to all of this.

Does that even exist?

It doesn't, unless Dick Cheney starts painting. **DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)**

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Billie Holiday's Swan Song

Arena Stage's play 'Lady Day' evokes the haunted songstress

STAGE | The best thing about Arena Stage's terrific production of "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" is not the sharp writing of playwright Lanie Robertson or the way the Kreeger Theater is made to look like a jazz nightclub. (You can even bring in beverages.)

Rather, it's in the way Lynn Sterling evokes Billie Holiday without ever mimicking her.

Sure, she exudes Lady Day's boozy swagger and bruised beauty (though Sterling is slim and out-right pretty), but she sings Holiday's songs in a voice that's her own, not that of an impersonator.

So instead of Rich Little in



BLUE LADY: Lynn Sterling evokes but doesn't impersonate the diva in her last days.

sequins the audience gets an actress fully in tune with this singular singer's spirit without trying to compete with her legendary voice.

Set four months before Holiday's death in 1959, "Lady Day" features the crooner fronting a piano trio at a Philadelphia club. Between songs, she tells ribald and heartbreaking tales about her hardscrabble life. Except for the brief interjections by piano player Jimmy Powers, played by musical director William Foster McDaniel, the play is pretty much a one-woman show.

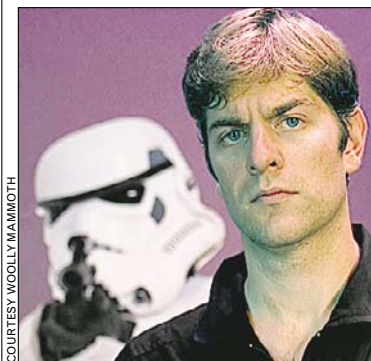
But Sterling's commanding presence is more than enough to keep your attention pinned to the stage.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER

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NAUGHTY THEN AS NOW: 14th-century shenanigans in "The Merchant's Tale, left" and "The Reeve's Tale," parts of the Chaucerian extravaganza at the Kennedy Center.



On the Road Again

The trip to Canterbury goes by faster thanks to the rump jokes

STAGE | If you've ever wondered where Benny Hill came from, look no further than Geoffrey Chaucer's riotously funny and wildly flatulent "The Canterbury Tales." Though it was written in the 14th century, this legendary play has so many jokes about breaking wind, bawdy sex, butts and bosoms that you half expect "Yakety Sax" to start playing as the cod-pieced actors dash around the stage.

The Farrelly brothers might even blush during the masturbation, nose-picking and bare-bum-kissing scenes, but "The Canterbury

Tales" is no "Dumb or Dumber" — it's filthier.

And dirty is just how Chaucer liked it.

"All that is literally as described in the text," said Mike Poulton, who adapted Chaucer's play for the Royal Shakespeare Company. "The backside out of the window, the farting — it's all in the original."

Yes, there are some serious tales among the 24 in "Canterbury," but the sheer number of jokes that revolve around the rump (and what comes out of it) will be a surprise if you've only read the play

in English class but have never seen it performed. But Poulton swore it was all there 600 years ago: "Absolutely. It's very, very close to the original. Nothing has been added."

What Poulton did was tweak the late medieval English for modern ears.

"The intention was to stay as close to the original as I possibly could," he said. "So the language, with one or two exceptions — one or two rather cheeky jokes — I've kept as close as I can to the original. Sometimes I've included unfamiliar words because I liked them

so much. Where the meaning of the word is obvious in the context, I've left it. Where it's more difficult, then I've replaced it with a word that's contemporary but that's from Chaucer's own time. So you get this feeling that you're not moving too far from the late 14th century."

The Royal Shakespeare Company is "the leading company in England — and arguably in the world," said Poulton, and it is performing 18 of "The Canterbury Tales" at the Kennedy Center in two sections, each lasting three hours. "The two parts are independent of each other," Poulton said. "But I think it's best to see Part One first and Part Two second, but there's no need for that. People who have just seen Part Two on its own are perfectly happy with that, and there's as much variety in Part Two as in Part One."

In other words: You'll get tons of gas no matter when you go. **CHRISTOPHER PORTER**

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If MC — excuse us, Hammer — was too legit to quit, then why did he quit?

Old-School Hip-Hop: Can't Touch This

It was 15 years ago that MC Hammer was popular. In remembrance, fans will gather along with other survivors of the early '90s "New Jack Swing" tragedy — Doug E. Fresh, Slick Rick, MC Lyte, Whodini and Kool Moe Dee — to join with Hammer and relive those times. "Please, Hammer, don't hurt us!" you'll plead. He never listens, he never listens.

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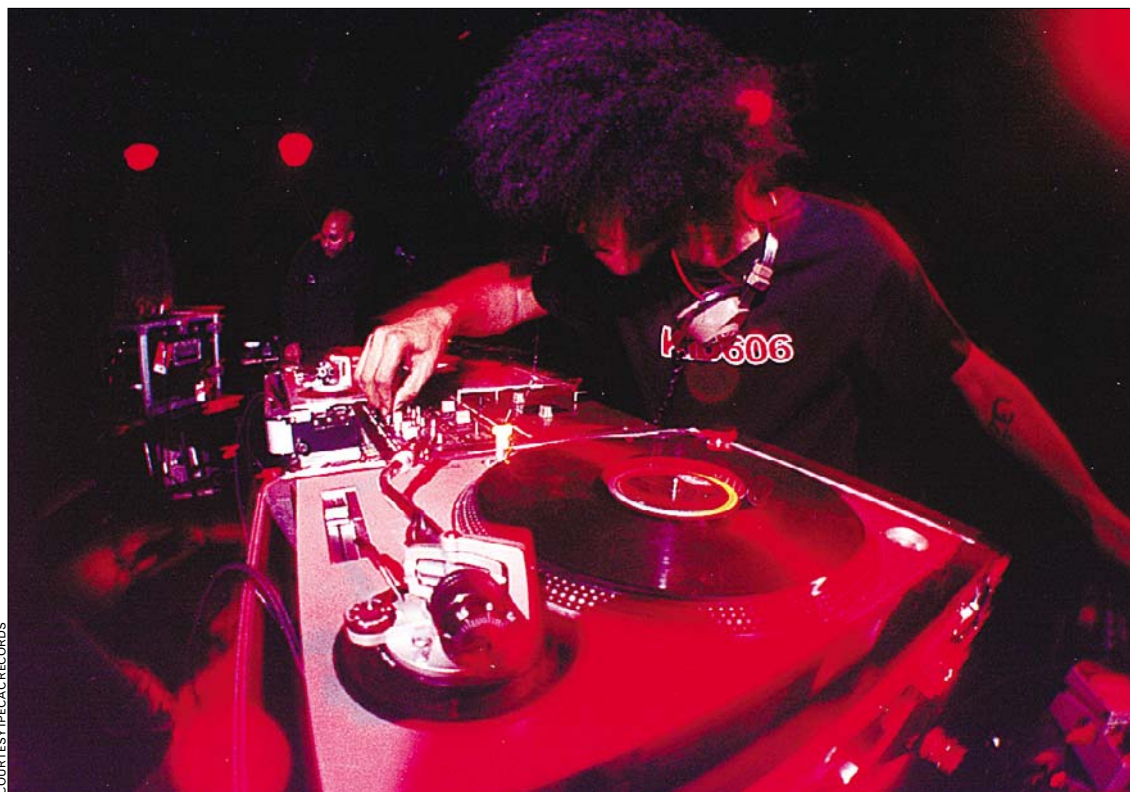
You can call Dälek hip-hop, but that's not the whole story

MUSIC | Featuring shearing noise, distortion and ambient washes, Dälek's sound might seem like metal or experimental or some avant-garde classical composition.

So what makes it hip-hop? There's the sick beats, the booming voice. But, mainly, this is hip-hop because Dälek says it is.

"To quote Phil Spector, there's only two kinds of music: good and bad," said Dälek, the MC whose moniker also graces his 10-year collaboration with producer Oktopus. "I love when kids are like 'I don't listen to hip-hop. but I love your record,' and I have to say, 'Hate to break it to you but now you listen to hip-hop.' No greater compliment than that."

The group's fourth full-length, "Absence," is the latest in a string



ALL HANDS ON DECKS: MC Dälek spins genre-busting sorta-kinda hip-hop with his partner in rhyme, producer Oktopus.

of genre-busting hip-hop reinventions. Their soundscapes frequently evoke chimerical descriptions like My Bloody Valentine-meets-Public Enemy. And they've toured with groups as disparate in sound as the Melvins and De La Soul. But even when collaborating with free-jazz percussionist William Hooker, glitch-hop visionary Kid 606 or krautrock legends Faust, one can always hear Dälek's roots in Newark, N.J.

Tellingly, Dälek mentions his dream collaborators. After My Bloody Valentine, it's all New Yorkers: Lou Reed, KRS-One, Chuck D and radical political rapper Immortal Technique. "As a duo, we can bring in anyone we want for a certain project," said Dälek. "Next up is Rob Swift," formerly of turntablist collective The X-ecutioners. Whatever they dream up, there's no danger that it will involve guns, platinum, Apple Bottoms or champagne. "I truly believe that hip-hop is so young, with so much ground to cover, that I want to see where we can push it to." **BOB MASSEY**

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This Schoolhouse Rocks

An innovative school emphasizes the value of an arts education

DO GOOD | How important are the arts to a child's development? Very, argues Two Rivers Public Charter School, which integrates music, drama and visual arts into its curriculum.

Arts also play a crucial role to the school's livelihood. That's why Two Rivers is hosting its second annual "Framing the Future Gala," this Saturday at the City Museum. Various photographers, jewelers, textile and mixed-media artists will donate their works for sale and a silent auction. Attendees will also be treated to live jazz music, fine cuisine and cocktails.

Two Rivers hopes to raise \$65,000 to support its arts program and to help pay its artist-in-residence teachers. In addition, the



NEW TOY: Two Rivers' fund-raiser helps kids continue to learn through discovery.

money will help support school trips to performances and to bring in visiting artists, such as members of the Shakespeare Theater Company and Step Afrika! dance troupe. "We give students arts experiences both as a participant and as an observer. That costs a lot of money," explained Two

Rivers Principal Jessica Wodatch. "We also include our visiting artists in some of our professional developments."

Two Rivers caters to students from preschool through fourth grade and uses the Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound instruc-

tion model, teaching children research and analytical skills through discovery.

"Last year, our third-graders studied Washington, D.C., history, doing investigations into various parts of the city like Eastern Market and the White House. Afterward, they created a board game. The parents were invited to play and the kids by far knew more trivia about the District than any of the grown-ups," said Wodatch.

"A child who may not know how to express his or her learning thorough the traditional context can express it through a dramatic piece," said Robb Rye, preschool teacher and artist-in-residence. "He can show what he learned about the Anacostia River through a play as opposed to through an essay."

JOHN MURPH

→ *The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. Museum, K Street between 7th and 9th streets; Sat., 8 p.m., \$75; 202.546-4477. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

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Edgeworks Dance Theatre performs two of its most striking works at Rockville's American Dance Institute this Saturday. The local all-male troupe of mostly black dancers founded by artistic director/choreographer Helanious J. Wilkins, above, will also welcome guest artist Ursula Payne, a Pennsylvania-based performer and choreographer.

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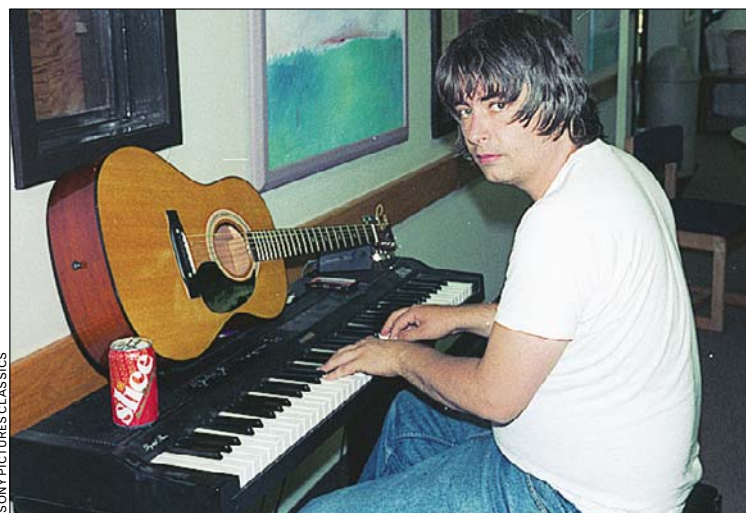
Accepted Known

Outsider musician Daniel Johnston beats the devil in a new film

FILM | If there is a connection between madness and genius, musician and artist Daniel Johnston is both living proof and a victim of this perception.

An Austin, Texas, native, Johnston began playing in punk bands in the early 1980s. By the time his schizophrenia developed to the point that he was virtually unable to perform or even to function, he was an admired songwriter. Austin doesn't let go of its beloved freaks easily — the more damaged the better. Johnston has continued to record on and off for decades, and his music is bitter and sweet, obsessive, self-doubting, fragile as a spider's web.

Like anyone whose mental processes are mysterious, Johnston has remained an enigmatic figure for years. Now, Jeff Feuerzeig has unearthed a jaw-dropping archive of audio- and videotape of Johnston and rounded up the musician's friends and fans to dis-



CRAZY LIKE A FOX — A CRAZY FOX: Daniel Johnston and two of his trusted friends.

cuss him.

The resulting portrait of hipster affectation, "The Devil and Daniel Johnston," isn't pretty. Interview subjects babble on about what a genius the nutty guy is, while the center of speculation himself shuffles zombielike through his days in his parents' basement — graying, overweight, numb.

Daniel Johnston is a perfect canvas for projection, but Feuerzeig resists the urge. Instead, his careful

observation of Johnston immersed in his music; with his poor, beleaguered parents; and onstage in old videotapes which capture some of his psychotic breaks in horrific real time all help to create an insightful and finally moving portrait of the madness of genius and the genius of madness. **ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)**

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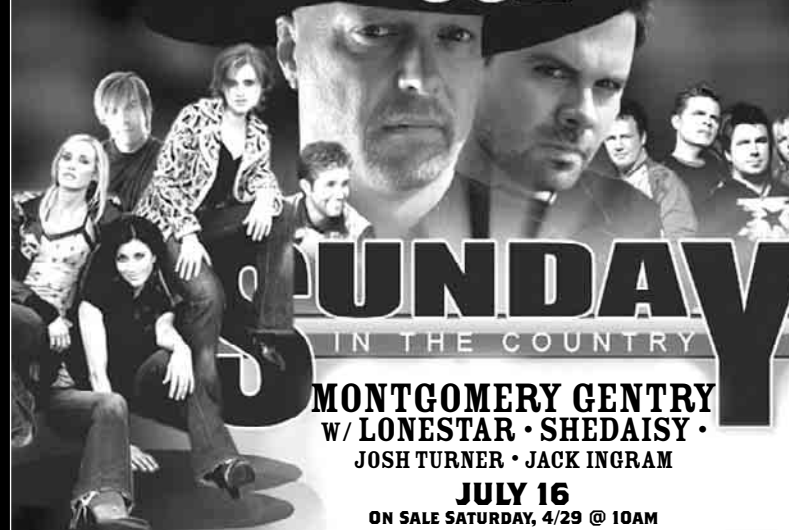
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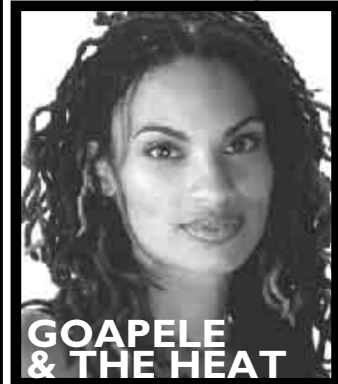
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Louis Gets Lucky

Louis C.K. hates his wife, kids and life; that's why he's funny

COMEDY | After Louis C.K. sent his sitcom pilot "Lucky Louie" to HBO, he waited nervously for the cable behemoth's reply about whether it wanted a full 12-episode season.

C.K. is a great and filthy stand-up, director of the cult film "Pootie Tang" and a former writer for "Late Night With Conan O'Brien," but he had already been rejected by CBS and Fox for other sitcom proposals, and on the surface his latest gambit seemed generic: Loser Louie hangs out with his loser friends and carps about his wife and kid.

C.K. shot an e-mail to comedian Chris Rock saying he was worried that "Lucky Louie" wouldn't get luck. But according to Boston Globe Magazine, C.K.'s former boss on the "Chris Rock Show" wrote back: "A sitcom with curs-



COURTESY HBO

WOE IS ME: The comedian's profane humor tickled the powers that be at HBO.

ing is a better invention than the iPod. It's going to be the biggest thing in the world."

HBO must think so, too: "Lucky Louie" debuts June 11 as part of the network's powerhouse Sunday-night lineup.

But it's not just F-bombs that will likely set the sitcom apart; it's C.K.'s hilariously dark outlook on life and his willingness to voice it, as he's been doing on the standup

stage for 20 years. As C.K. relayed to the New York Daily News: "When I told the [HBO] executives, 'My baby sucks and I hate my wife, who has assassinated my sexual identity,' they nodded their heads and said, 'Yeah.' Those who have children understand." CHRISTOPHER PORTER

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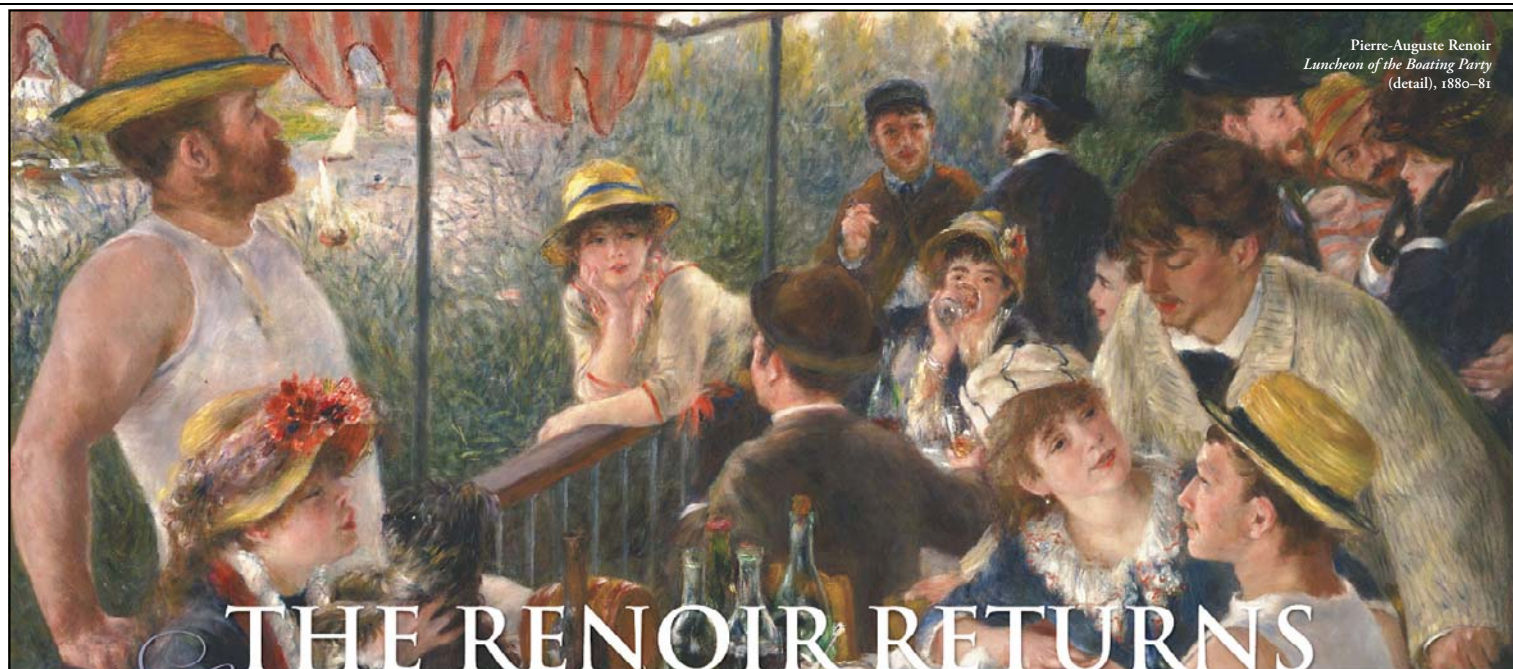
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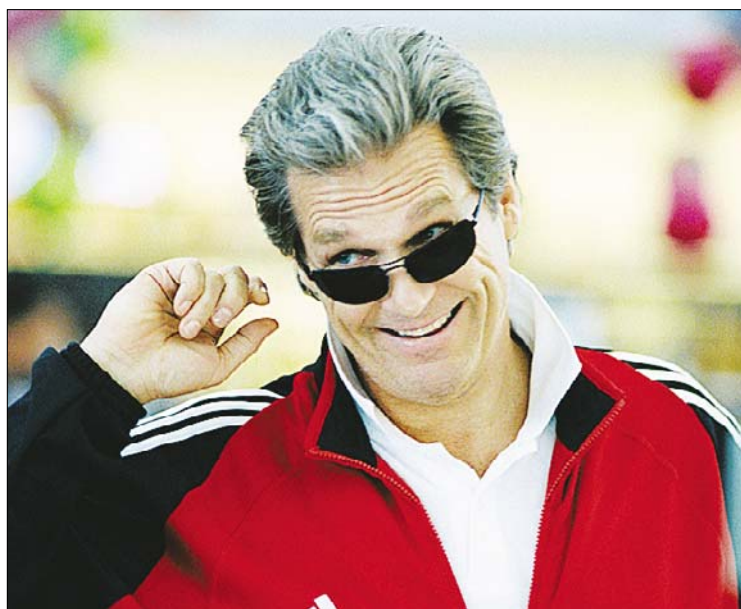
Jeff Bridges puts on his game face for the comedy 'Stick It'

FLEXIBLE | Jeff Bridges's career started before he could walk. As an infant, the son of screen legend Lloyd Bridges appeared in the 1950 melodrama "The Company She Keeps." Six decades later, he's one of the most respected and versatile actors of his generation. A four-time Oscar nominee, his credits include "The Last Picture Show," "Starman," "The Fabulous

Baker Boys," "The Fisher King" and "The Big Lebowski."

Following his turn as a race-horse owner in 2003's "Seabiscuit," Bridges enters a different arena in his new film "Stick It."

As Burt Vickerman, Bridges is a former gymnast whose career was ruined by an injury and has turned to coaching women's gymnastics. Enter 17-year-old truant Haley (Missy Peregrym) who is ordered by a judge to serve her "sentence" at his Texas training facility. A once-promising gymnast, Haley dropped out of com-



THE LADIES WHO LAUNCH: Bridges plays a Texan women's-gymnastics coach.

petition and turned to less constructive pursuits.

Coach and pupil initially butt heads but eventually learn important lessons about commitment, cooperation, competition and rule-breaking.

Bridges, 56, said he relished the opportunity to play a coach, noting that he admires basketball coach John Wooden. Though his character in "Stick It" is a far cry from that legend, Bridges says it was a fun challenge as an actor to play a

maverick coach.

"He's probably quite a bit like Missy's character when he was her age, very much pushing the envelope and really testing himself," he says.

Working with a cast of mostly teenage girls, Bridges was right at home. He and his wife, Susan, have raised three daughters.

"The fact that I have daughters really helped me a lot," the actor said, smiling. "There are certain things that come with the package."

Bridges says the nice thing about playing Vickerman is that it is unlike any other character he has played onscreen. The actor has made a concerted effort to avoid getting typecast, having observed first-hand the consequences.

"My father had this 'Sea Hunt' series in the '60's that was very successful," Bridges said. "People thought he was a skin diver. For years, the only scripts that he got were skin diver scripts." ANGELA DAWSON ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Silent Hill

The creepy video-game series becomes a haunting film. This movie was not screened in time for review.

2 Scary Movie 4

Director Jerry Zucker bumbles all over the place for this spoof, dipping into various movies. But it's funny enough to turn the hands on your watch quickly. STEPHEN HUNTER

3 The Sentinel

A medium-dumb thriller about Washington intrigue that starts out with promise but gets progressively sillier. DESSON THOMSON

4 Ice Age: The Meltdown

The animation in this chatty sequel is first-rate, but the story needs to catch up to the magic. STEPHEN HUNTER

5 The Wild

A zoo lion and his pals must rescue his cub from the urban jungle. The adult humor is welcome, but it gets relentless. (DESSON THOMSON)



COME OUT & PLAY: Radha Mitchell is a mother whose child is lost in "Silent Hill."

6 The Benchwarmers

This somewhat muddled but occasionally amusing gross-out comedy about the evils of bullying stars David Spade, Jon Heder and Rob Schneider. STEPHEN HUNTER

7 Take the Lead

There are a few good scenes in this inspirational dance drama, but the fictional account of a real story about a professional dancer and inner-city kids feels phony. SARAH KAUFMAN

8 Inside Man

A deft, tense, pure thriller, the movie has great star turns by Denzel

Washington, Clive Owen and others, and is brilliantly directed by Spike Lee. STEPHEN HUNTER

9 American Dreamz

In Paul Weitz's tediously facile satire, a dimbulb conservative president (Dennis Quaid) winds up as a guest judge on a popular televised singing competition. DESSON THOMSON

10 Friends With Money

A middling look at midlife angst among three Los Angeles friends with money and husbands, and one friend (Jennifer Aniston) who has neither. STEPHEN HUNTER

Indies & Arties

'Charlie's Party'

Say you're facing the big 3-0, your once-glimmering career is on the downslide, and you can't stop comparing your own life and sexual potential against how your friends are doing. Sounds like an occasion for a party. Unfortunately, for the misguided heroine of "Charlie's Party," it's a grand idea executed with maximum stupidity—she hosts a partner-swapping weekend for five of her more or less equally confused pals. Young, urban and questing, the participants find that sex with the proper college buddy raises even more questions about where they're going in life and what they want from it in attorney-turned-filmmaker Catherine Cahn's movie of an embarrassing incident.

→ *Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW; opens Sun., 202-966-6000.*

→ *Landmark E Street Cinema, opens Fri., 555 11th St. NW; 202-452-7672.*

'One, Two, Three'

The Billy Wilder centenary celebration closes out with an odd choice—Wilder's splenetic, frenetic, interesting but not always successful 1961 "screwball" comedy "One, Two, Three." It stars James Cagney as a



A really bad idea turns downright embarrassing in "Charlie's Party."

Coca-Cola executive on the loose in Berlin, Pamela Tiffin as his nubile charge and Cold War-era hottie Horst Buchholz as a cute Commie. → *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri.-Sun., 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)*

'All Quiet on the Western Front'

This devastating and unsentimental anti-war milestone screens as part of the "World War I and Dada" film series. Lewis Milestone's 1930 film follows enthusiastic German youth from their enlistment through the eventual deadening of their souls. The film remains relevant and disturbing today. → *National Gallery, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sun., 2 p.m., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*



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Unfriendly Fire

Sweden's Arch Enemy takes aim at U.S. death-metal fans

MUSIC | People unfamiliar with Arch Enemy might understandably assume the hair-forward, black-clad Swedes play radio-friendly Evanescence-like hard rock.

In reality, Arch Enemy is a death metal band, and easy-on-the-eyes frontwoman Angela Gossow's vocals are some of the meanest-sounding in all of Sweden — and that's no small claim. On Arch Enemy's latest studio album, "Doomsday Machine," Angela's guttural vocals serve as a nice contrast to the complex twin guitar melodies and harmonies played by Michael Amott and Fredrik Åkesson. (Åkesson was brought in to the band recently when the group's longtime guitarist left.)

"Socially, it's a slightly different situation not having my younger brother in the band anymore," said Amott. "But things haven't changed in terms of musical chemistry. Frederik's been playing the same guitar parts that Christopher played for years, and Frederik is an excellent guitarist."

Sunday night's show at the 9:30 Club (part of the 2006 Jaegermeister Tour) will be Arch Enemy's first performance in the D.C. area since its short Ozzfest set last summer at the Nissan Pavilion.



CENTURY MEDIA

NOT EVANESCENCE, OR EVANESCENT: Arch Enemy rocks fiercer than it looks, with Angela Gossow roaring out some of the most vicious vocals in death metal.

According to Amott, "Ozzfest was weird because we were only playing 4 or 5 songs each day, and at some shows we were playing early in the morning. It's good to be playing normal set lists again."

Fortunately, doors don't open for Sunday night's show until 6 p.m., so disco-napping fans don't

have to worry about oversleeping and missing the performance. But do get in line early — they're expecting a crowd. **GREGORY RE**

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Chimaira, God Forbid, Hate Eternal, Temple of Brutality, Sun., 6 p.m., \$18; 202-265-0930 (U St.-Cardozo)

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→ THURSDAY

Apex: College Night with DJ Randy White, 9 p.m., \$5, free with college ID.

Bangkok Blues: Mind Traffic, 7:30 p.m., \$7.

Birchmere: Yellowjackets, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.

Black Cat: (The Sounds Of) Kaleidoscope, The Oranges Band, Meredith Bragg & The Terminals, 9 p.m., \$8.

Blues Alley: Mary Wilson, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.50.

Crossroads: Live reggae happy hour, 5 p.m., free. Hip-hop & dancehall with DJs Zone One, Jason Steele and Majestic, 10 p.m., ladies free with pass from crossroadsclub.com, \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.

DAR Constitution Hall: Train, 8 p.m., \$34.

DC9: Two If by Sea, Neutral Mute, Telo-graph, Grubspoon, 9 p.m., \$8.

Five: Latin party, DJs Chris, Manny Fresh & Ty-One, 10 p.m., \$5.

Iota: Elf Power, The Instruments, Ike, 9 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: Darol Ange and the Republic of Strings, 8 p.m., \$20.

Jaxx: Exodus, Cryptopsy, Immolation, 6:30 p.m., \$20.

Kennedy Center: NSO Youth Fellows, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Mstislav Rostropovich, Dawn Upshaw, 7 p.m., \$20-\$79.

Love: DJs William & Analyze, 9 p.m., \$20, free with pass from lovethelclub.com.

Nation: Alchemy, 9 p.m., \$7.

9:30 Club: Citizen Cope, Alice Smith, 8:30 p.m., sold out.

Platinum: Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs QicSilver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

State Theatre: Bruce in the U.S.A., a Bruce Springsteen Tribute, 8:30 p.m., \$16.

Strathmore: Lila Downs, Charanga Cake-walk, 8 p.m., \$18-\$34.

Twins Jazz: The Bobby Selvaggio Quartet, 8 p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: Haale, The Timeout Drawer, Extra Blue Kind, 9 p.m., \$10.

Warehouse Next Door: Victims, Fighting Dogs, Dead Beatties, An Alarm, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Wolf Trap: The Bobs, 8 p.m., \$20.

Zanzibar: Comedy open mic night, 7 p.m., free.

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→ FRIDAY

Apex: John Rizzo, 9 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: Acme Blues, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Birchmere: Aztec Two-Step, the songs of Simon & Garfunkel, 7:30 p.m., \$22.50

Black Cat: DJ Rekha (bhangra, hip-hop), 9:30 p.m., \$10. DJs Lunch Money and Almighty Dollah (hip-hop, reggae, funk), 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).

Blues Alley: Mary Wilson, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.50.

Capital City Records: Tru Skool open mic (hip-hop), 7 p.m., free.

Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$10, ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: Bobby's Music Machine, DJ Sprang International, The Aki Experience, Peter Humphries and the Oasis Band, 5 p.m., free before 7 p.m. \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.

DAR Constitution Hall: Katt Williams, Sheryl Underwood, 8 p.m., \$39.50.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Five: DJ Craze, Faust & Shortee, 9 p.m., \$10.

Iota: Bicycle Thieves, Shwa (CD release party), 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Robin and Linda Williams, 7 p.m., \$15 (advance), \$20. Crash Boom Bang (CD release), The Speaks, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Agent Orange, Down to This, Group

36, 7:30 p.m., \$12.

Kennedy Center: NSO prelude, 6 p.m., free. East Coast Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., \$34. National Symphony Orchestra: Mstislav Rostropovich, Dawn Upshaw, 8 p.m., \$20-\$79.

Lincoln Theatre: Jam On U All-Stars, Jackie Hairston, Marlene Ross and other, 7:30 p.m., free.

Love: DJs Harry Hotter, Analyze, 9 p.m., \$20, free with pass from lovethelclub.com.

La Maison Française: Antoine Tamestit, Alexis Descharmes, 7:30 p.m., free with reservation.

Nation: Cübik, 9 p.m., \$10.

9:30 Club: Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra,

9 p.m., \$15.

Patriot Center: Bill Gaither & Homecoming Friends 10th Anniversary Tour, 7 p.m., \$17.75-\$37.75.

Platinum: DJ QicSilver (club mix), 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$10 before 11 p.m., \$15 after.

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: The Duke Robillard and Gerry Beaudoin Quartet, 6 p.m., \$10.

State Theatre: Gin Blossoms, 9 p.m., \$27.

Strathmore: Yolanda Adams, 8 p.m., \$33.

Twins Jazz: Carl Grubbs & Friends, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: The Sentiment, Enemy of Three, Gallow, 9 p.m., \$10.

Warehouse Next Door: Battlemaster, Timelord, Engage, Melodic Equinox, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Wolf Trap: Saffire —The Uppity Blues Women, 8 p.m., \$25.

Zanzibar: Hugh Masekela, 8:30 p.m. & 11 p.m., \$25. DJ Andy Mix, 7 p.m. DJs Naem and Quicksilver (hip-hop), 7 p.m., free before 7 p.m., \$10 before 10 p.m., \$15 after.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: The Dyversity, the Crimestoppers, 7 p.m., \$7.

Birchmere: SGGL, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: Goapele & The Heat, Noel, 9 p.m., \$20. DJs Reddaj and William Alberque (britpop, indie), 9 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Mary Wilson, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.50.

Club Amazon: The L!ssen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m., \$10 after.

Crossroads: DJs Super Slice, Zone I, Celso and Bobby's Music Machine, (reggae, hip-hop), 10 p.m., ladies free with pass from crossroadsclub.com, \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.

DAR Constitution Hall: New Edition, K-Ci & JoJo, 8 p.m., \$75.75.

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Patriot Center, George Mason University: 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; 800-551-7328.

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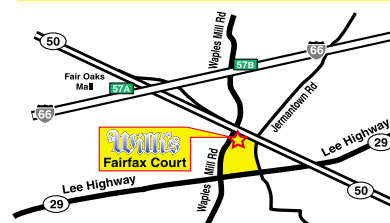
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THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (1230 345) 725 1020
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13) DIG (1250) 720
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (1215 1240 230 315 455 540) 715 800
940 1015

FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 225 500) 725 950
PHAT GIRLZ (PG-13) DIG (250 520) 750 1020
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 400) 710 1000
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) DIG (130 440) 740 1025
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1205 220 450) 710 925
INSIDE MAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 430) 735 1030
DON'T COME KNOCKING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1155)
OC & DA: AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13) DIG (420) 1010
SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 100 310 410) 630 730 930
1035

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#

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THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (1140 140 240 430 530) 730 830 1010
SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 120 220 420 520) 720 820
1020

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13) DIG (230 510) 740 1025
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (1145 215 440) 715 950

THE WILD (G) DIG (1150 110 210 350 450) 620 700 850 920
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (1215 1245 150 250 315 415 500 535)
645 745 840 910 1015

FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 245 505) 750
1005

LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 410) 650 940
BENCHWARMERS (PG-13) DIG (1220 310 525) 800 1030
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) DIG (1230 320) 635 930
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1135 100 200 340 445) 630
710 900

INSIDE MAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 400) 705 1000
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 300 515) 810
1030

V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 330) 640 915
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1240 330) 640 915

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SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 145 400 445) 700 745 1000
1045

THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (115 425) 725 1010
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (105 205 355 455) 655 755 925 1025
THE WILD (G) DIG (150 440) 710 935
PHAT GIRLZ (PG-13) DIG (125 405) 705 940
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 720 1020
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (200 450) 740 1005
INSIDE MAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 415) 730 1035

BETHESDA 10

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SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 350) 745 1035
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13) DIG (1225 340) 750 1030
THE WILD (G) DIG (1220 240 505) 735 1005
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (1205 1230 225 250 445 510) 705 740
945 1015

FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 230 455) 730 955
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) DIG (1235 400) 715 1010
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1210 235 500) 725 950
INSIDE MAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 355) 700 1025
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 220 450) 710
940

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ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1210 235 500) 725 950
INSIDE MAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 355) 700 1025
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 220 450) 710
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POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

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DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR) DIG 700
PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG-13) DIG (230 510) 745 1035
THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (1200 210 240 450 520) 730 800 1010
1040

SILENT HILL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 145 410 440) 705 740 1000
1030

THE WILD (G) DIG (1230 245 500) 715 930
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (1220 1250 205 235 305 425 525) 650
750 905 1005

PHAT GIRLZ (PG-13) DIG (135 400) 640 910
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 455) 735 1020
BENCHWARMERS (PG-13) DIG (200 430) 645 900
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 710 1015
ATL (PG-13) DIG 925
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (130 200 405 435) 630 700
855

INSIDE MAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 420) 725 1025

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

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AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) ✓ 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) ✓ 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:25, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45
PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 10:15, 10:45
THE WILD (G) 1:00, 3:05, 5:15, 7:20, 9:35
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:55, 5:40, 8:25
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35
ATL (PG13) 1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:25, 2:45, 4:15, 5:10, 6:30, 7:25, 9:40
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:00, 10:05
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 2:05, 4:25, 6:55, 9:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 2:30
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00
DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR-NOT RATED) 7:00

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

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THE SENTINEL (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45
SILENT HILL (R) 4:30, 8:30
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 2:00, 4:00, 6:10, 8:15
THE WILD (G) 1:45, 4:15, 8:00
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 4:40, 6:45, 8:45
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) DVD 4:40, 6:45, 8:45
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 5:10, 8:00
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 5:00, 8:35
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 4:45, 7:45
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:15, 4:10, 6:20, 8:30
INSIDE MAN (R) 5:20, 8:15

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SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 2:15, 3:15, 4:35, 5:35, 7:00, 9:10, 10:10
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:00, 5:10, 8:10
INSIDE MAN (R) DVD 2:00, 5:10, 8:10

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.
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SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 12:10, 2:45, 4:55, 7:30, 9:50

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) ✓ 12:05, 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
KINKY BOOTS (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:10, 3:40, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) DVD 1:10, 3:40, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 1:20, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 2:15, 4:50, 10:40
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:25, 6:45, 9:00
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:05
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:20, 1:15, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 6:55, 7:50, 9:20, 10:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 4:45, 11:00
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:10, 7:40

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

THE WILD (G) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 2:15, 4:35, 7:15
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:55
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:05, 4:10

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:00
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:30
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 7:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:45

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

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AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) ✓ 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:05, 7:20, 9:35
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:05, 1:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:50, 5:25, 5:50, 7:10, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:00
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) DVD 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 10:00
THE WILD (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:30
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:35
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 9:45
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 9:25 PM
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
ATL (PG13) 4:10, 9:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:00, 2:10, 3:05, 4:30, 5:25, 7:05, 7:45, 9:55
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 1:25, 7:05
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 1:30, 4:35, 7:20, 9:35

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SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 5:00, 8:00
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 5:00, 5:30, 7:40, 8:30
THE WILD (G) 4:30, 7:00
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 5:40, 8:20
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 4:40, 7:30, 8:00
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 5:45, 8:15
ATL (PG13) 5:15, 7:45
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 4:50, 5:20, 7:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 4:45, 7:30

AMC UNION STATION 9

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SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:40
PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) 2:20, 4:50
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
THE WILD (G) 2:05, 4:35, 7:20
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:25, 5:20, 8:00
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 7:30
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 2:15, 5:10, 7:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:45, 5:45
INSIDE MAN (R) DVD 2:45, 5:45

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
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THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 5:10, 8:10
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 5:00, 8:00
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) ✓ 5:50, 8:00
THE WILD (G) ✓ 5:40, 8:10
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 5:40, 7:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 5:20, 7:50

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
THE SENTINEL (PG13) DVD ✓ 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 2:40, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25
PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:15, 10:05
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:50, 2:50, 4:30, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10
THE WILD (G) 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:30
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ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:45, 5:10, 8:10

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 1:10, 3:40, 7:00, 9:30
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:10
ON A CLEAR DAY (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:20
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20
L'ENFANT (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:30, 9:40
DON'T COME KNOCKING (R) 1:20
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
TSOTSI (R) 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 5:30, 7:50
L'ENFANT (R) 5:00, 7:20
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:45, 8:00
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:45, 7:40
CAPOTE (R) 5:15, 7:45

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
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FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 10:15
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 1:35, 2:45, 4:10, 5:25, 7:10, 8:25, 9:45
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 12:00, 1:25, 3:00, 4:25, 5:45, 7:20, 8:30, 10:10
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A Tart Taste Of Oaxaca

➔ **LILA DOWNS** is so talented that it's almost unfair. The Frida Kahlo look-alike has a double degree in voice and anthropology, is fluent in multiple languages, plays guitar and is a dramatic and powerful singer. She uses all those skills to dig deep into the music of her Mexican heritage, especially that of the indigenous Mixtec people of the Oaxaca region. On her latest CD, "La Cantina: Entre Copa y Copa ...," Downs explores the "cancion ranchera" tradition — songs of longing and heartbreak akin to the Portuguese fado or American blues, but with a modern edge. The album is another feather in this really smart lady's braids. Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; Thu., 8 p.m., \$18-\$32; 301-581-5100. (Grosvenor-Strathmore) **CHRISTOPHER PORTER**

TheScene

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DC9: Rosemont Family Reunion (CD release party), 9 p.m., \$8.

Five: DJs Tom B, John H, Phil C & Hanik, 9 p.m., \$10.

Galaxy Hut: Paul Kamran, Aderbat, 9:45 p.m., \$5.

Iota: John Vanderslice, Page France, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Flickerstick, Cobbler, 8 p.m., \$12.

Jaxx: U God, Necro, Street Life, 9:30 p.m., \$20.

Kennedy Center: Steve Fidyk Big Band, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Mstislav Rostropovich, Dawn Upshaw, 7 p.m., \$20-\$79.

Lincoln Theatre: Mike Brooks, Chris Thomas, Tony Woods, Raheem DeV Vaughn, Sugar Bear and Experience Unlimited, 8 p.m., \$45.

Love: DJs William, Money (international, hip-hop) and DJs Twinspin, Chizzau, Rich Ang and Jae K (Asian night), 9 p.m., \$20.

Nation: Velvet, 10 p.m., \$8.

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church: Emmaus Grace Gospel Jubilee, 4 p.m., \$15-\$30.

9:30 Club: The Junkies Spring Break Party with Pat McGee Band, 9 p.m.,

Patriot Center: Gurudass Mann, 8:30 p.m., \$35-\$150.

Platinum: Guest DJs, (R&B, hip-hop and reggae), 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

State Theatre: Lotus, DJ Harry, 9 p.m., \$10 (advance), \$12.

Towson State University: Virgin College Mega tour with Yellowcard, Mae, Over It and others, noon, free.

Twins Jazz: Carl Grubbs & Friends, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: Middle Distance Runner, The Pawns, 10 p.m., \$10.

Warehouse Next Door: F.O.D., Supreme Commander, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Zanzibar: DJs Spyda and Sprang International, 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m., \$10 after.

➔ SUNDAY

Bangkok Blues: Psychedelia Sunday, 7 p.m., \$6.

Birchmere: Steve Tyrell, 7:30 p.m., \$39.50.

Black Cat: Isis, Dalek, Zombi, 8:30 p.m., \$12.

Blues Alley: Mary Wilson, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.50.

Center for the Arts, GMU: Marine Band, 2 p.m., free.

Clarice Smith Center: Washington Toho Koto Society 34th Annual Spring Concert, 2 p.m., free.

Crossroads: DJs Jason Steele and Andy G. (dancehall), 10 p.m., ladies free with pass from crossroadsclub.com, \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.

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DJ | SHE'S GOT THE BEAT



COURTESY BLACK CAT

GET DOWN: Ace mixologist, New York dance-party institution and bhangra goddess DJ Rehka rocks the Black Cat on Friday night, spinning hip-hop, bhangra and more at a Girl Friday First Ladies DJ Collective event.

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Going Out | Cheap Dates

One of the rough things about reading about drinks in a newspaper is that you don't get to sample them. The same goes for the blogosphere. But someday, perhaps, technology will provide true interactivity for readers. In the meantime, the D.C. area has an interesting array of bloggers who will either dabble in the cocktail world or focus all their energies on it. Here are two blogs you should check out:

Natalie Bovis-Nelsen, a freelance writer based in Washington and Los Angeles, is also blogging at **THE LIQUID MUSE**, a site about all things



COURTESY ABSOLUT VODKA

Absolut started the upscale vodka craze; Grey Goose and others rake the benefits.

liquid, usually alcoholic and consumable.

So "cocktails, happy hours, lounges, wines, the occasional beerhouse ... and the people that quench our thirst,"

are the Muse's self-proclaimed bai-liwick. Bovis-Nelsen's recipes for drinks using Pisco, a clear brandy distilled from white muscat grapes that's popular in Chile and Peru, look quite

interesting. The Liquid Muse is here to educate.

While **DC DRINKS**, authored by Lonnie Bruhner focuses on the culture of cocktails and the know-how of savvy drinkers. DC Drinks (dcdrinks.blogspot.com) may also mock your choice in alcohol, which may not be all that bad a thing. It's all about learning. In a post earlier this month about different vodkas and why one person might select Grey Goose. DC Drinks replied, "Why do you order Grey Goose? Because other people order Grey Goose, because of suggestive marketing, because you read somewhere that it was distilled a kagillion times? It's French! Did you know that? Not only are you a follower, but you're following the French. Pathétique."

DC Drinks also interviewed "cocktail evangelist" Robert Hess of Drinkboy.com. Intrigued? **MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)**

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Ask Tom

I'm moving from Dupont Circle to Arlington, and want to do a good-bye tour of my almost-former neighborhood. Where would I go for one brunch and one dinner in the old stomping grounds?

I'll give you two options for each, OK? For brunch: Tabard Inn or Hank's Oyster Bar. For dinner: Pesce or Komi. I realize those are four very different experiences, but they're all sure bets.

→ *Tabard Inn*, 1739 N St. NW; 202-833-2668.

→ *Hank's Oyster Bar*, 1624 Q Street, NW; 202-462-4265.

→ *Pesce*, 2016 P St. NW; 202-466-3474.

→ *Komi*, 1509 17th St. NW; 202-332-9200.

Is there any place in the D.C. area that serves breakfast tacos?

I don't have a ready response. Maybe someone out in the peanut gallery can come to your aid.

A reader replies: "Taqueria Poblano on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray serves a breakfast taco during Sunday brunch. As well as



THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY: A man, a pan, a big ol' fish — Ingido Landing!

burritos, huevos rancheros, etc. Not to mention a MEAN margarita!"

→ *2400 Mount Vernon Ave.*, Alexandria; 703-548-8226.

I'm getting ready to move into my new condo near Chinatown, and am curious about which spots I should be staking out to be my new "locals." Do you have a handful of faves in a broad range of cuisines?

Matchbox for pizza and burgers, Zengo for cocktails and appetizers, Kanlaya for decent Thai soups, Hooters for ...

→ *Matchbox*, 713 H St. NW; 202-289-4441.

→ *Zengo*, 781 7th St., NW; 202-393-2929.

→ *Kanlaya*, 740 6th St. NW; 202-393-0088.

Does Indigo Landing serve non-meat dishes? If so are they on par with the pork-heavy dishes you sampled for your review?

Indigo has quite a few non-meat dishes on its menu, including she crab soup, fried green tomatoes, a sweet pea flan, crab cakes and several fish dishes, including striped bass glazed with sweet corn.

→ *1 Marina Drive*, Alexandria; 703-548-0001.

Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

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DAVID FUKUYAMA

What I Meant To Say Was ...

➔ **REMEMBER WHEN** political philosopher Francis Fukuyama argued in his "The End of History and the Last Man" that the progression of human events had come to a close, democracy would spread across the globe and our destiny was to spend eternity singing "Kumbaya" around the planetary bonfire? Yeah, well ... we're working on that. If neoconservatism can be defined as realizing this theory, even Fukuyama isn't quite sure that's what he meant. His new book, "America at the Crossroads: Democracy, Power and the Neoconservative Legacy" seeks to clear it up. Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Thu., 4 p.m., free; 202-364-1919.

TheScene

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DAR Constitution Hall: New Edition, K-Ci & JoJo, 8 p.m., \$75.75.

Five: Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m., \$10.

Galaxy Hut: Don Zientara, 9:45 p.m., \$5.

Iota: Greg Thuman and Primalstatic, No Use for Humans, Curtis Peoples, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin Java: Luke Brindley, Anthony Fiacco, Shane Hines and Maurice Mangum, 8 p.m., \$12.

Kennedy Center: Northwestern University School of Music, 6 p.m., free.

9:30 Club: Arch Enemy & Chimaira, 6 p.m., \$18.

Platinum: DJs Alize, Trini & Superslice-Muzik Nashun, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

State Theatre: Roomful of Blues, 8 p.m., \$16.

Twins Jazz: Singers' Performance Workshop, 5 p.m. Weekly jam session with the Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m., \$15.

Wolf Trap: Vienna Tang, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Sight

American Art Museum: Grant Wood's Studio: Birthplace of American Gothic, 160 works, including the highly recognizable painting, through June 11. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-1000.

Anne Loeb Bronfman Gallery: Different Nights: Interpretations of the Seder by Contemporary Artists, through June 18. 16th and Q streets NW; 202-518-9400.

Arise Gallery: The Dragon and the Phoenix: Chinese Influences on Japanese Kimono, through May 31. Mandarin Ori-

ental, 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588.

Canadian Embassy Gallery: Seascapes, Jerome Fortin uses plastic bottles to depict the sea in murals, through June 2. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-448-6591.

LAST CHANCE Conner Contemporary: Brian Morse's digital programs explore chaos and order, through April 29. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: David Seymour's rare color photos and his well-known post-World War II images. A full-scale survey of Robert Bechtle's neo-realist paintings, both through June 4. Contemporary (Re)defined, the museum's

largest contemporary exhibit, through Aug. 13. 500 I 7th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

LAST CHANCE Curator's Office: Other than Art, also presented by Provisions Library and G Fine Art galleries, features works exploring utopia and the intersections of art, the environment and society, through April 29. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

DAR Museum: Obsolete, Odd and Absolutely Ooky Stuff from the DAR Museum Vaults, through Sept. 2. 1176 D. St. NW; 202-879-3241.

DC Arts Center: "Don't Bring No Bad News!" features photos by local black artists, who in response to negative images

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DANCE | A DOLL'S HOUSE



GADI DAGON

NOT A REMAKE: Inbal Pinto Dance Company borrows inspiration from the Tim Burton (!?) short story, "The Melancholic Death of Oyster Boy." The surreal, carny-sideshow world comes to Lisner Auditorium on Thursday.

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May 5, 2006: JCC of Greater Washington's Yom Ha'Zikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut Event

May 6, 2006: Congregation Shaare Shalom & Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation present: Loudon Celebrates Israeli Independence Day

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of blacks in the media, seek to recast Washington African Americans in a positive and uplifting light, Friday through May 21. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

District Arts Center: Runway model turned artist Maria-Lana Queen has created abstract paintings that helped her to cope with the tragic death of her brother, through May 26. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100.

Embassy of Finland: From Wood to Architecture, 17 buildings demonstrate contemporary Finnish architecture, through May 7. 3301 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-298-5822.

Flashpoint: Micro Monumental, a Washington Sculptors Group exhibit of miniature sculptures, through May 27. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Shakespeare for children over the centuries, through May 13. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Compelled by Content II, glass sculptures that tell sto-

ries push the genre beyond crafts and into the fine arts, through June 4. 7700 E. Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Hiroshi Sugimoto: Kat-sushika Hokusai, 180 paintings, prints, drawings and books by the Japanese artist, through May 14. "100 Years of the Book of Tea," through May 29. Artists of Edo, 19th century paintings and prints by artists from Edo, through May 29. History of History, photos of seascapes, dioramas, wax figures and other artifacts depict the rich history of Japan, through July 30. Beyond Brushwork: Symbolism in Chinese Painting, through Nov. 26. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

LAST CHANCE Gallery 10: "Passages and Dire Straits," works by Ruth E. Levine, through April 29. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.

Gallery Plan B: On the Verge, Carl Ant's paintings offer social commentary and are rife with sarcasm, through May 21. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711.

Gateway/Heliport Gallery: "Out of Your Frame," works by artists living with mental illness, including Ann Kipp and Elizabeth Henderson, through June 5. 8001 Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring; 301-

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562-1400.

LAST CHANCE Goethe-Institut: Max Liebermann's Works on Paper, through April 28. The Art of Soccer, 13 FIFA soccer posters by Andreas Gursky, Rosemarie Trockel and other artists, through April 28 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

Hirshhorn Museum: "Task," artist Oliver Herring brings together diverse Washingtonians and utilizes everyday objects in this performance art piece, April 29, noon. Hiroshi Sugimoto, the photographer's first career survey, through May 14. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000.

International Visions: New paintings by Preston Sampson, through May 6. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine Contemporary: "Sugar Me Softly," paintings and works on paper by Susan Jamison that explore the female body in the context of nature and myth. Robert Mellor's new paintings are filled with bold colors, line patterns and changes to classical technique, through May 5. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

LAST CHANCE The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: Alam al-Mithal: The World of the Image, Jordanian photographer Jan Kassey's work focuses on the beauty of her homeland's landscape, through April 28. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958.

Library of Congress: The American Violin, from Jefferson to Jazz, with historic violin pieces on display, through April 20. American Treasures, photos and artifacts of the historic 19th century Willard Hotel, through June 17. 101 Independence Ave. SE; 202-707-5000.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: Frank DiPerna — In the Studio, through May 27. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

Metropolitan Center for the Arts: Place and Time, paintings by Michael Sastre, Stan Wenocour and Mary Ott, through May 20. 9300 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg; 301-869-8623.

National Archives: The Way We Worked, photos and artifacts honoring working Americans, through May 29. Constitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

National Building Museum: New Orleans — A Shared Space, six well-known Dutch and American architectural firms reveal their exciting designs for the rebuilding of New Orleans, Sat. through July 30. Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through July 4. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Master Drawings from the Woodner Collections, the



The Center Of Activism

➔ **OSCAR BROWN JR.** was a nexus of artistry, activism and entertainment. The poet/playwright/composer/jazz singer/actor was also a senatorial candidate/trade union activist and radio host, and his life inspired filmmaker Donnie Betts' "Music Is My Life. Politics My Mistress: The Oscar Brown Jr. Story." The exuberant documentary sweeps and bops along on jazzlike rhythms, bringing together archival footage of Brown, who died in 2005, plus interviews with friends and fans (including Studs Terkel, Abbey Lincoln and Arimi Baraka) and high-energy animated sequences. Its two area screenings are part of the D.C. International Film Festival. See filmfestdc.org for times and locations.

museum's most prominent pieces from the private collection of Ian Woodner will be on display, including works by da Vinci, Rembrandt, Degas and more, Sat. through Oct. 1. Cézanne in Provence, through May 7. Dada, a retrospective of the early 20th-century movement, through May 14. "Le Ballet Mécanique," an orchestra of computer-controlled robotic instruments, including 16 baby grand player pianos, through May 14. "Amorous Intrigues and Painterly Refinement," landscapes and portraits by Dutch master Frans van Mieris, through May 21. Photographic Discoveries, 19th and early 20th century

photographs by various artists show how the new medium developed into an art form, through July 30. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

National Geographic Society: Mongolia: Traditions Reborn, antique and contemporary pieces from Buddhist Tsam ceremonies, through May 14. Archipelago, photos of animal life in Hawaii, through May 29. The only known surviving pages of the Gospel of Judas, through July 29. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Library of Medicine: Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body, ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-

496-6308.

National Museum of African Art: BIG/small, diverse historical pieces show the importance of size and scale in African art, through July 9. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of American History: ¡Azúcar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, chronicles the life of the Queen of Salsa with photos, costumes and more, through May 29. Honky-Tonk, Henry Horenstein's photos of country musicians,

through Sept. 5, other exhibitions ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami people of Norway, through June 25. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Divine and Human: Women in Ancient Mexico and Peru, artifacts that reflect women's lives in Mesoamer-

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MUSEUMS | POWER OF THE PEN



CHRISTMAS IN APRIL: The National Gallery of Art was was gifted with 74 extraordinary drawings from the collection of Ian Woodner earlier this year. Five centuries of genius are represented, from the hands of Francois Boucher to On Karawa to Al Held. The museum displays 35 of the works in "Master Drawings From the Woodner Collection," opening this weekend.

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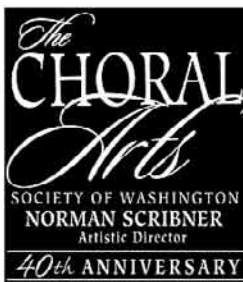
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ica, through May 28. Vistas and Visions, featuring landscape paintings from the museum’s permanent collection, through July 9. Chakaia Booker uses car tires to create harsh, interesting sculptures, through Sept. 4. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

Numark Gallery: Adam Ross — Recent Work, fragmented cityscapes as shiny as they are dystopic, through May 27. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810, numarkgallery.com.

Parish Gallery: Four of Six, the fourth exhibit commemorating the 15th anniversary of the gallery, featuring works by various artists from throughout the years, through May 16. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-944-2310.

Phillips Collection: Paintings by Degas, Sickert and Toulouse-Lautrec illuminate the dialogue among 19th-century French and British artists, through May 14. The Renoir Returns, the museum’s well-known French impressionist pieces return after a four-year international tour, through July 30. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Project 4: Small Gestures, oil and watercolor paintings by Terrie Pipa play with slight changes in proportions and layering, through May 27. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Spectrum Gallery: From the Fields of the Gun, Jan Faul’s recent panoramic photos of Civil War battle scenes, through May 7. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

Strathmore: Baltimore Watercolor Society’s 2006 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition, with original paintings

from regional artists, through May 20. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

Textile Museum: Seldom Seen: Director’s Choice From the Museum’s Collections, through July 30. Harpies, Mermaids and Tulips: Embroidery from Greek Islands and the Epirus Region, through Sept. 3. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

Torpedo Factory: Not to Scale, featuring a variety of works that explore the relationship between size and interpretation, through May 28. 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Touchstone Gallery: Living Out Loud, featuring bold works that demand attention by a range of artists, through May 7. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

LAST CHANCE University of Phoenix, Northern Virginia Campus: Award-winning pieces from League of Reston Artists, through April 28. 11730 Plaza American Drive, Suite 200, Reston; 703-476-1474.

U.S. Botanic Garden: The Birth of Coffee, photos chronicle the life cycle of coffee from the seed to the cup, through May 29. The Wilkes Expedition: Exploring our Roots, species found during Admiral Charles Wilkes’ famed 19th-century expedition, through June 4. Crime-Solving Plants, demonstrates how plant scientists have cracked tough cases throughout the years, through July 15. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

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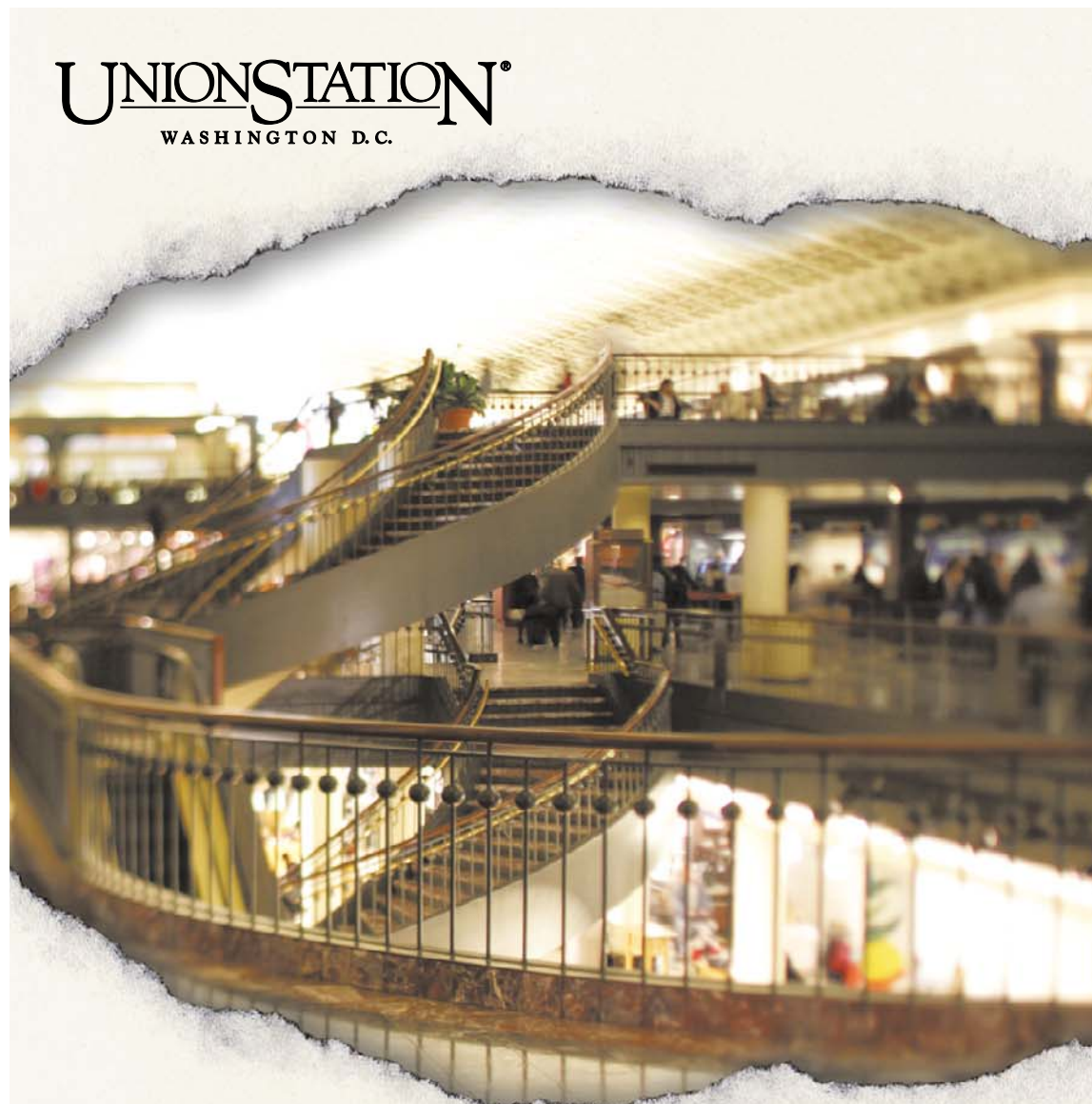
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LAST CHANCE Washington Print-makers Gallery: Partly inspired by the Bible, Grace Rohland's monotypes depict ancient and contemporary human interaction with nature, through April 30. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Washington Square: Sculpture Now: 2006, presented by the Washington Sculptors Group, through May 5. 1050 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-8696.

LAST CHANCE Washington Studio School: Celebrating 20 years of Visual Arts and Education with works by the founding and current faculty, through April 29. 4505 Stanford St., Chevy Chase; 301-718-7210.

White-Meyer Gallery: This Is Our Land: Discovering America and the World through Original Illustrations From Children's Books, presented by The Library of Congress, through May 21. 1624 Crescent Place NW; 202-939-5568.

Washington Works on Paper: "Padre e Figli" (father and daughter), Daniel Shay's papyrus and paper drawings and Ginevra Shay's photos, through June 3. 3420 9th St. NE; 202-526-4848.

LAST CHANCE Zenith Gallery: "The Wheel of Time," Renne duRocher's paintings and Mary Ann Prack's ceramics, through April 30. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

Stage

Amen Corner: James Baldwin's play about growing up in Harlem and the interplay between church and family is presented by his friend, director Walter Dallas, through May 6, \$20, \$7 for full-time students with ID. Clarice Smith Center, Route 193 and Stadium Drive, College Park, Md.; 301-405-2787, claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

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MICHAEL GRECCO

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sweetheart's wedding to a snooty Brit, through April 30, \$34-\$44. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Bal Masque: Richard Greenberg's play follows three couples in the aftermath of Truman Capote's infamous 1966 Black and White Ball, as the fame-starved clash with anti-war protesters, through May 21, \$15-\$20. The Jewish Foundation of Greater Washington, 1529 16th St. NW; 202-777-3229, dcjcc.org.

Becoming George: MetroStage's world premiere of this musical about 19th-century literary figure George Sand coping with the government and a new protégé, through May 28, \$35-\$40. 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

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A Bright Room Called Day: Rorschach Theatre tackles the Tony Kushner play about a community of artists in Germany just before Hitler’s rise, through May 21, \$13.50-\$19.50. Casa del Pueblo, 1459 Columbia Road NW; 202-452-5538.

Canterbury Tales, Part I: The Royal Shakespeare Company presents their rendition of Chaucer’s tale about a storytelling group on a pilgrimage who offer humor and moral lessons, through May 6, \$25-\$78. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

LAST CHANCE Coyote on a Fence: An arrogant liberal writer and a white supremacist start a friendship while they both serve time on death row, through April 30, \$11-\$15. Silver Spring Stage, Colesville and University Blvd. Silver Spring; 301-593-6036, ssstage.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Danceworks Spring 2006: Modern dance pieces choreographed by GW students, and featuring guest dancer Jeanine Durning, April 27 through April 29, \$12. GW Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 21st St. NW; 202-994-6178, gwu.edu/theatre.

SATURDAY ONLY Edgeworks Dance Theater: Ursula Payne joins this all-male, predominantly black, dance company, and together they combat ignorance

as they perform of “Melting the Edges,” as well as new works, \$20. American Dance Institute, 1570 E. Jefferson St., Rockville; 301-984-3003, hjwedgeworks.org.

FRIDAY ONLY Women: Back to Future: A benefit for Empowered Women International, this one-woman show chronicles the achievements and lives

of American history’s most influential women, free. Lyceum, 201 S. Washington, Alexandria; 703-778-6310, ewint.org.

Fiddler on the Roof: The classic feel-good musical follows a Jewish family in Russia as they cope with changes in tradition and persecution by the Rus-

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sian government, through May 6, \$18. Thomas Jefferson Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington; 703-549-1063, thearlingtonplayers.org.

Frozen: A look at forgiveness and hope as a convict and a mother, who is coping with the disappearance of her young daughter, are brought together by an academic specializing in serial killers, through May 7, \$25. The Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

The Game of Love and Chance: One of Pierre de Marivaux's most popular plays shows the comic consequences of a couple trading places with their servants, through May 14, \$25-\$49. Folger Theatre, 201 E. Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, folger.edu.

The Gigli Concert: An Englishman in Ireland can't stop drinking as he mediates between a demanding woman and an Irish millionaire who enlists his help to sing just like the Italian tenor, Gigli, through May 7, \$30-\$48. Woolly Mammoth Theater, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

LAST CHANCE Godzilla: Guess who's coming to dinner? Godzilla! In this comedy, a daughter brings her giant green fiancé home to an unsuspecting fam-

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BRETT PATTERSON

AND THAT'S THE TRUTH: It used to be that you could watch Lily Tomlin do "Edith Ann" and "Ernestine the Operator" for free on TV. On Saturday, you'll have to pay between \$125 and \$300 to watch her do these classic routines and others as the star of the Strathmore's black-tie fundraising gala.

ily, through April 30, \$18. DC Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

SUNDAY ONLY Hip Hop Anasi: An update of a Ghanaian folk story about a trickster whose children come to his

aid when he loses his powers, part of Imagination Stage's Deaf Access Program, through April 13, \$5. THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Hip-Hop to da

Head: Full Circle's performance calls for audience participation as members beat-box, breakdance, pop-and-lock and more, April 28 through April 30, \$15. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY HMS Pin-afore and The Zoo: Singers between 13 and 25 years old perform Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular operetta as well as a short comic opera, through April 30, \$25-\$30. Duke Ellington Theatre, 35th and R streets, NW; 202-315-1323, savoyards.org.

Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill: Set during Billie Holiday's last performance in March 1959, one of jazz's most famous women sings her signature pieces and recounts anecdotes from her life, through June 4, \$50-\$69. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066, arenastage.org.

THURSDAY ONLY Let the Laughs Rock On: Classic rock and comedy make for a perfect combination as Matt Kazam and local comics take the stage, \$10. Old Town Theater 815 1/2 King St., Alexandria; 703-683-8888, oldtowntheater.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Louis C.K.: Comedian extraordinaire, and the mastermind behind comedic cult classic "Pootie Tang," comments on fatherhood and other things that tick him off, through Sun., \$17-\$20. Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008, dcimprov.com.

Manicures and Monuments: This dark comedy follows a manicurist-in-training who forges a friendship with a grouchy nursing-home resident, through May 6, \$15-\$20. 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993, atlasarts.org.

LAST CHANCE II Matrimonio Segreto: The University of Maryland School of Music's Maryland Opera Studio resets the fluffy opera of a secret marriage in the ultracool early 1960s, through April 30, \$20, \$7 for full-time students with ID. Clarice Smith Center, Route 193 and Stadium Drive, College Park, Md.; 301-405-2787, claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

SATURDAY ONLY 19th Annual Evening of Comedy: Stand-up comics Greg Vaccarello, Dez Reed and Mike Larsen carry on Wolf Trap's yearly comedy event, \$20. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 703-255-1900, wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY ONLY Oyster: Israeli dance company Inbal Pinto presents a series of surrealistic vignettes featuring a mix of modern dance, ballet, mime and acrobatics, \$25-\$40. Lisner Auditorium, 21st and H streets, NW; 202-994-6800, lisner.org.

Los Pecados de Sor Juana: World premiere of the Spanish adaptation of a play about a 17th-century Mexican nun and poet whose defiant attitude and passion for freedom threatened the church, through May 21, \$28-\$32. GALA Theatre-Tivoli, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, galatheatre.org.

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COLIN HOVDE

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TheScene

The Persians: This Aeschylus tragedy depicts how once-glorious Persia fell into despair and corruption after being overtaken by the Athenians, through May 21, \$14.25-\$71.25. Shakespeare Theater Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

The Play's the Thing: The Washington Stage Guild's adaptation of P.G. Wodehouse adaptation of the Ferenc Molnar novel. Got that? Trust us — it's funny, through May 21, \$30-\$35. Washington Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW; 202-582-0050, stageguild.org.

LAST CHANCE The Retreat From Moscow: A history teacher obsessed with Napoleon's retreat from Moscow walks out on his wife, leaving her and his adult son to reassemble their lives, through April 30, \$25-\$50. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-1100, roundhousetheatre.org.

Richard II: The Washington Shakespeare Company's take on the rise and fall of an English kingdom, through May 14, \$22-\$30. WSC Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; washingtonshakespeare.org.

The Sex Habits of American Women: Julie Marie Myatt's play follows a '50s

patriarch working on a hilariously-out-of-touch book on what women want. His wife and daughter do their own research, through May 7, \$28-\$42. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Drive, Arlington; 703-820-9771, sig-online.org.

Shenandoah: Scott Bakula stars in this musical about a rural Virginia family on the cusp of the Civil War, through May 21, \$25-\$52. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-397-7328, fordstheatre.org.

Silent Partners: Charles Marowitz's new play depicts the relationship between German playwright Bertold Brecht and his American translator, Eric Bentley, through May 21, \$20-\$30. Warehouse Theatre, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, warehousetheater.com.

SATURDAY ONLY Spring Gala at Strathmore: This annual fund-raising event is headlined by Lily Tomlin, whose one-woman show features her best-known characters, 8 p.m., \$100-\$300. Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tucker Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5100, strathmore.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Todo Tango V: Tango Tonight! Straight from Argentina, tangoists explore the story behind the seductive dance, \$25. Lisner Auditorium, 21st and H streets, NW; 202-994-6800, lisner.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Trojan Women: Euripides' anti-war play follows the struggles of Trojan women, enslaved

after the Greeks conquered them, through April 30, \$10. GMU, Braddock Road & Route 123, Fairfax; 888-945-2468, gmu.edu/cfa.

Two Rooms: A history professor is held captive in a Beruit cell, as his wife in America struggles through the years to feel closer to him, through May 28, \$26, part of the Pangea Project. Theater Alliance, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-0050, theateralliance.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Washington Reflections Dance Company: As part of a spring benefit concert, the company will premiere two new pieces — "Sankofa," about drawing upon the past, and "Evolution," performed to the music of Nina Simone, April 28 & 29, \$25-\$30, \$15 (students). Howard University, Cramton Auditorium, 2455 6th St. NW; 202-371-9656, danceinstitute.org.

The Winslow Boy: A British boy is expelled from naval school in the early 19th century and must fight to uphold the truth, April 28 & 29, May 5 through May 7, \$14. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville; 240-314-8690, rft-online.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Youth Dance Festival: The most promising area dancers perform a diverse program of African, ballet, tap and other styles of dance, Sat. & Sun., \$20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

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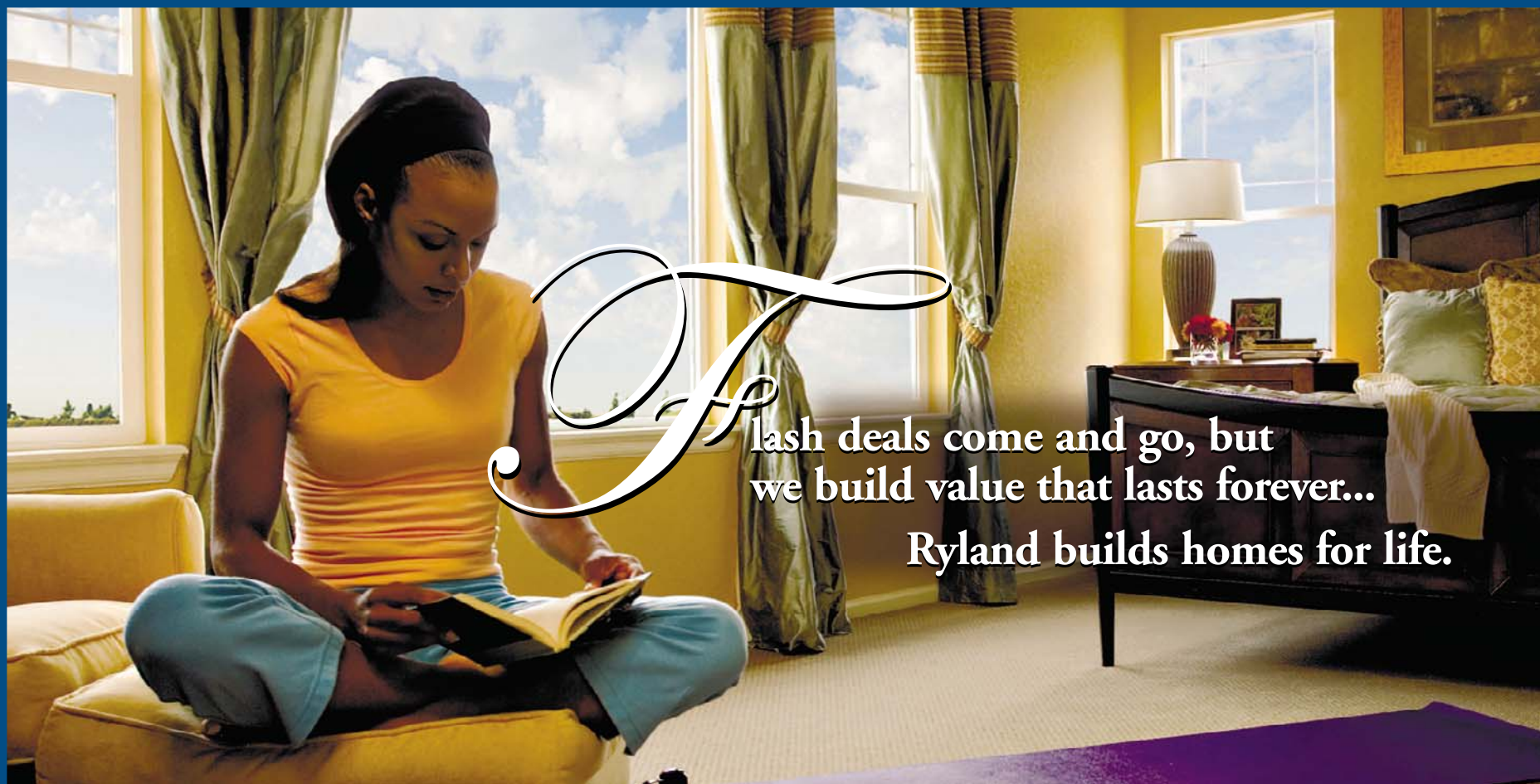
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